

# MORGAN-ROCKEFELLER BANKS HAIL FDR WAR BILL-- DEFEAT IT!--THE NATION'S WELFARE IS AT STAKE

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## EASTERN LABOR LEADERS, CHURCHMEN DENOUNCE F. D. R. LEND-LEASE BILL

### People Fear Dictatorial War Powers

#### Unionists Call Upon Congress to Halt Pro-War Bill

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—Massachusetts labor and religious leaders, together with prominent educators banded together today in an attack on the "lend-lease" bill supporting Senator Burton K. Wheeler's stand and declaring that the measure:

"Puts the country into the war in defiance of the wishes of the overwhelming majority of the citizens and establishes the President as a dictator with the power to suppress labor organizations and the rights of the people."

Their protest was sent by wire to all Massachusetts Senators and Representatives.

The signers were Alphonse Samson, Brockton Brotherhood of Shoe and Allied Craftsmen; Edward Coen, Inland Boston's Division, National Maritime Union; Thomas McGowan, National Maritime Union; Paul Salasaggio, United Shoe Workers of America; Jesse Prosten, United Packinghouse Workers of America; James Durkin, United Office and Professional Workers of America; George Markham, Newspaper Guild; John Friel, Oil Workers International Union; Michael Tyson, Furniture Workers of America; Clive Knowles, Labor's Non-Partisan League; John Schubert, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union; Salvatore Camello, United Rubber Workers; Russ A. Nixon, Cambridge Union of University Teachers; Margaret McNeely, Social Service Employees Union; Rev. George Lyman Paine, Fellowship of Reconciliation; Rev. Kenneth DeP. Hughes, St. Bartholomew's Church, Cambridge; Rev. William E. Davis, Wollaston; Rev. F. Havis Davis, Union Baptist Church, Cambridge; Rev. Lester Hankins, Boston; Father H. Hastings Smyth, Society of Catholic Commonwealth, Cambridge; Professor F. O. Matthews and Professor Kirby Mather, both of Harvard.

### CAPITOL CIO, AFL JOIN IN PROTEST

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Condemning the war powers bill, several AFL and CIO locals here have passed resolutions urging that it be stopped by Congress without any amendments or compromises.

The following resolution was passed by Local 136 United Shoe Workers CIO:

"The passage of this bill which climaxes a series of similar war-like measures would not only give the President power to regiment labor and establish a Fascist rule of this country, but would also invest in him the absolute power to take us into war the entrance to which the majority of the people are strongly opposed."

"Therefore be it resolved that we strongly condemn the war powers measure as the most dangerous threat to the liberties and peace of our nation and calls for its complete rejection by Congress without amendments or compromises."

### BALTIMORE LEADER WARNS OF WAR

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, Jan. 15.—President Roosevelt's "lend-lease" bill was condemned today by John Rogers, president of the Baltimore Industrial Union Council and port agent of the National Maritime Union.

"This bill is practically a declaration of war against Germany," Rogers said. "Anyone who is interested in and follows the political situation can see that under the cover of so-called American democracy the bill practically introduced a brand of American fascism."

### Rockefeller, Morgan Trusts Emerge as Arms Loan Backers

Roosevelt's Boast That 'S-Sign' Is Banished from U. S.-British Deals Belied as Willkie Sails as Morgan's Envoy

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—When President Roosevelt first startled the Nation with his war powers bill, he announced that the purpose of his plan was to banish the dollar sign from British American relations.

But that persistent old dollar sign has bobbed up again. As a matter of fact, it is painted large all over the President's entire lend-lease scheme.

The House of Morgan and the powerful Rockefeller-controlled Chase National Bank are both directly involved in the drive to pass the drastic measure which will give the President power to plunge the nation into actual if undeclared warfare.

Roy Howard, publisher of the World-Telegram and the other Scripps-Howard newspapers, is leaning toward the minority group of capitalist interests which is somewhat critical of the President's Aid-Britain Program; and so he spoke up rather frankly in a syndicated editorial as follows:

"We don't pretend to know why but it is a fact of general public interest, and should be recorded, that high officials of the House of Morgan and the Chase National Bank are among the first to climb on the bandwagon for the lend-lease bill."

Willkie speaks up. Roy Howard's charges can certainly be confirmed by data available here, although his pretended ignorance of the fact that bankers like war because they make money out of them seems a little strained. J. P. Morgan himself has tried to keep in the background of the controversy over the lend-lease, but his political spokesman, Wendell L. Willkie, talked up with a vengeance in full support of the essential features of the President's plan for "lending" munitions to Great Britain.

(Wendell Willkie and two companions will leave for Europe aboard a Pan-American Clipper plane at 8:30 A. M. next Wednesday, Jan. 22. Willkie's office announced last night.

Willkie will be accompanied by Landon Thorne, a director of New York's First National Bank, a Morgan bank, and John Cowles, publisher of the Minneapolis Star-Journal.

(Willkie announced last Sunday

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### BLOWING HER TO PIECES

By Ellis



### Begun Flays Move to Fire 1,686 Teachers

#### Communist Appears, Union, Parent Groups at Hearing

Isidore Begun, legislative representative of the New York State Committee, Communist Party, last night voiced a sharp protest against the proposed school education budget which would seriously curtail education and chop off 1,686 teaching positions in face of already overcrowded schools.

Begun presented the Communist Party's position in a prepared statement before the Public Hearing of the Board of Education at 110 Livingston St., Brooklyn, as the Teachers Union, Local 5, parent-teacher groups and various community and civic organizations voiced a similar stand.

Citing a reduction of \$4,000,000 in the Board's request as compared to last year's estimated need, and dropping of a request of nearly eleven million for supplemental needs, Begun said:

"The progressive people of our state fought long and bitterly to build the present educational system. Today when the enemies of free education are using every

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### U. S. Conciliator Says Eaton Strike Settled

#### Pact Terms Withheld, But Dewey Indicates Some Arrangements Made to Rehire Saginaw CIO Men

DETROIT, Jan. 15 (UP).—Federal Conciliator James F. Dewey tonight announced settlement of strikes at five Eaton Manufacturing Co. plants.

Terms of the agreement were not revealed immediately, but it was announced that the men will return to work tomorrow at Eaton plants in Saginaw, Battle Creek, Marshall, and Detroit, Mich., and at Cleveland O.

Dewey announced the settlement after a six and a half hour conference with company and CIO United Automobile Workers officials.

The strike first had been called at the Saginaw plant Monday on grounds the company had failed to rehire 250 CIO unionists dismissed since an earlier walkout. Sympathy strikes were ordered at the four other plants the following day, affecting approximately 3,700 men.

Eaton manufactures airplane motor parts and materials for three large automotive firms—Hudson, Cadillac and Chrysler.

While declining to reveal terms of the settlement, Dewey said it did not contradict a contract which the UAW-AFL holds at the Saginaw

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### Hull Repeats Invasion Scare For War Bill

#### British Imperialists Too Poor to Buy Arms, Morgenthau Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UP).—Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., told Congress today that the United States will be "imperiled" unless it supplies "all-out aid" to Great Britain against Germany and Italy.

Both appeared before the House Foreign Affairs Committee in support of the administration's far-reaching war powers bill. Hull's testimony was devoted largely to a portrayal of the gloomy international situation.

Morgenthau submitted a balance sheet of British finances which was equally gloomy in respect to Britain's ability to pay for continuous purchases of munitions in this country.

He reported that war purchases and other orders in this country to be met by Britain in 1941 total \$3,019,000,000. Britain's total dollar assets were given at \$1,775,000,000 as of Jan. 1, 1941 and an additional \$1,555,000,000 will be available in dollar receipts toward liquidation of this obligation.

Hull spent nearly four hours on the witness stand. He said the United States still clings to the "form and tatter" of neutrality but will not permit this policy to "chloroform us into a sense of false security on national defense."

### Twelve Bombs Dropped On French Town

VICHY, Jan. 15 (UP).—An unidentified plane dropped 12 incendiary and two high explosive bombs on Valence, in the Rhone Valley, on Saturday night, it was revealed today. There were no victims and damage was small.

### AN EDITORIAL

THE billion-dollar empire of the Rockefellers moved into front-line support for President Roosevelt's lease-lend war powers bill.

The financial chief of the Rockefeller billions, Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, yesterday informed the stockholders of the Chase National Bank that this bank, which is the largest commercial bank in the world, supports the White House demand for war-time dictatorial powers.

The so-called "lease-lend" bill provides for sweeping dictatorial powers which will permit President Roosevelt to transform America's present non-fighting belligerence into complete military participation in the war.

The J. P. Morgan bank is already represented in the Roosevelt set-up by Edward Stettinius of U. S. Steel. With Aldrich now rooting for the Rockefellers, the Wall Street financial line-up behind Roosevelt's lease-lend plan is complete.

The dictator bill now stands before the American people as the pet plan of the most reactionary, powerful banking interests in the United States.

WITH this line-up behind him, President Roosevelt left no doubts in the mind of the nation that he will not hesitate to smash down any opposition among the people, or any criticism of what goes on in his mind.

In an unprecedented personal assault, President Roosevelt struck out against Senator Wheeler who remarked in opposition to the lease-lend war bill that it would "plough under every fourth American boy."

Roosevelt flayed this as "dastardly" and "unpatriotic."

Does this mean that from now on any American who mistrusts the actions of the White House as leading the country into complete involvement in the war shall be damned as "dastardly" and "unpatriotic?"

Does this mean that from now on, in the United States the only opinion that Roosevelt will allow is a Nazified "Ja" opinion as in Hitler Germany? Will Roosevelt make it a crime to oppose the wishes of the Morgan-Rockefeller bankers?

The united support of the Rockefeller-Morgan billion-dollar banks behind the war-power bill should shatter the illusion that President Roosevelt is pursuing a peoples policy dedicated to merely defending America "from attack," and interested in "fighting Hitlerism."

THESE billionaire banks have long supported Hitlerism in Germany. They have aided it with loans, and with support of the Munich policy. Knudsen hailed Hitlerism as having performed a "miracle." Roosevelt picked as his financial adviser a representative of the Dillon, Reed bank in Wall Street, a bank which notoriously had financial interests in Nazi Germany. It is the height of political childishness to imagine that the profit-grabbing monopolies of Wall Street have any interest in "defending democracy" or the independence of nations. On the contrary, the very soul of the Rockefeller-Morgan banks is to seize colonies and small nations for exploitation and investment.

After 1917, it took the American people more than ten years to discover that it was the Rockefeller-Morgan banks which got the U. S. into the last war for the sake of loans and investments.

Shall the United States be dragged through blood again by the same financial monopolists who once more seek blood profits out of the war?

IN supporting the war-powers lease plan, the Rockefellers and Morgans have a direct eye on their billion dollar foreign oil investments.

The Rockefeller-Morgan oil empire is at stake in the Roosevelt plan. This empire is estimated as follows by the Magazine of Wall Street:

Standard Oil of N. J. (Rockefeller)	\$572 million
Socony-Vacuum (Rockefeller)	\$206 million
Texas Corp. (Rockefeller-Morgan)	\$127 million
Gulf Oil (Mellon)	\$100 million
Standard Oil of Cal. (Rockefeller)	\$42 million

This oil empire stretches from Persia to Burma, to Java, the Dutch East Indies, Canada, Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and the Far East.

Shall American youth be "plowed under" for this billion-dollar oil empire of the Rockefeller-Morgans?

The lease-lend war-powers plan will bring hundreds of millions of profits to the Wall Street banks. Roosevelt intends to buy from the bank-controlled manufacturers the arms for Britain; the American people will have to foot the bill.

The American people must stop this war dictatorship plan as a menace to their liberty at home and their security abroad. It is a war-breeding plan; it is a democracy-crushing plan.

Labor must raise its voice now. Congress must hear the people speak out. Labor need not be dismayed by the President's threats and aspersions against opposition to his bill. It is our right and duty to speak out against this dictatorial measure which finds such favor in the eyes of those bankers which symbolize slavery and reaction in the United States.



Saginaw: For a Living Wage ... But Police Attack

A worker carrying his child leads this picket line at the Detroit plant of the Eaton Mfg. Co., whose five plants have been struck by the United Auto Workers Union. Other photo shows brutal police attack



on the picket line of the Wilcox-Rich plant of the same company at Saginaw, Mich. Police threw tear and vomiting gas, injured pickets and arrested six unionists



## Puerto Ricans Demand Check on U. S. Troop Acts

**Demand Grows for Government Probe of 'Army of Occupation' Tactics; Cite Examples of Brutality to People**

(Special to Intercontinent News)

SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 15.—The popular demand is growing here for a comprehensive investigation by the Island Government Commission for the brutal behavior of United States marines and soldiers brought here in connection with the construction of new naval bases.

Charges have been made that members of the armed forces have behaved like an army of occupation and have been guilty of beating Puerto Rican workers, brawling in cafes and destroying property. The demand for investigation includes the demand that representatives of workers and social organizations be included among the investigators.

Ever since construction began on the United States naval and air base at Isla Grande the situation has grown more tense. Two recent incidents have fired the anger of the people against the United States soldiers.

When 125 organized chauffeurs presented their demands to the construction company, they were all immediately fired, 12 were imprisoned at the base and another one is under prosecution by the Federal Court.

Three weeks ago a group of five American soldiers entered a cafe, started a fight, and beat up a Puerto Rican. When the Puerto Rican police were summoned, the soldiers beat them. The Puerto Ricans were incensed and a group of people came into the cafe and threw the soldiers out.

**STORM CAUSE**  
The next night 50 soldiers stormed the "Five and Ten Beer Bar" near the San Antonio docks in Puerto de Tierra, as a "reprisal." They smashed the establishment, causing an estimated loss of \$1,000. Federico Perez, manager, appealed to the authorities. The incident broke through the censorship of the local authorities and the press here carried pictures of the smashed cafe, and even Correspondencia, a reactionary paper, carried the story in its Dec. 28 issue.

Two young Puerto Rican electricians at the Naval base at Isla Grande were buffeted while at work. The workers, Gaspar and Solomon Vazquez, were arrested for parking in front of the administration office while picking up their work cards. The sentry who took them to the office struck Gaspar with a stick. When Gaspar attempted to take it from him, the sentry drew his gun, and Solomon seized his arm. In grabbing for the stick Gaspar accidentally struck the sentry. Gaspar and Solomon were arrested, taken to the base general offices and a captain ordered them jailed.

Marines took them to a cell at "Laguna Seca" (Dry Pond) near the latrines and they were brutally beaten. One marine struck the prisoners with a sword, while another held a gun ready threatening to kill if either moved under the punishment. When one marine got tired of beating, another took his place. Later the prisoners were released on \$1,000 bond each.

The Vazquez brothers were interviewed at the offices of El Mundo, the paper with the largest circulation on the island, and pictures were taken of the wounds on their back and arms. They told reporters that when they asked for water, one of the marines spat in the water before passing it to them saying, "There's your water."

**COURTS SILENT**  
Even the reactionary papers of the island are protesting against this outrage. Impartial pointed out that the Federal Fiscal Attorneys would not intervene in the investigation and that since the assault the insular courts would not intervene. The Federal Grand Jury is expected to make several charges against the brothers. Impartial warned that the attitude of the marines and the soldiers toward the Puerto Ricans would certainly create hatred toward the United States in the South American countries where it is holding conferences with the aim of establishing peace.

El Mundo, in its editorial declares: "If our citizenship is considered as good as that of those living on the continent, these young boys have the absolute right to have the authorities investigate their case." It warned the United States that "the people of Puerto Rico cannot tolerate that the results should go unpunished without leaving a feeling of resentment and injustice."

Correspondence and El Azote also carried editorials calling for an end to the abuses.

Recently Juanito Fernandez, a night watchman at the barracks of the Tenth Naval District of Puerto Rico was assaulted by a sentry. The sentry asked Fernandez for his work card. Fernandez told him it was in his other working clothes. The sentry did not understand what he said and drew his gun. Other workers had to intervene.

**Canada to Ration Gas**  
OTTAWA, Jan. 15 (UP).—Minister of Finance J. L. Halsey said today that rationing of gasoline in Canada was imminent.

## Jewish Labor Veteran Feted In Pittsburgh

**Max Jenkins Marks 30 Years in Labor Movement**

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 15.—Some 350 persons, including visitors from other cities and from mining and steel towns throughout Western Pennsylvania, paid tribute last night to the thirty years of service to the labor and socialist movement of Max Jenkins.

The affair was also a celebration of the 19th anniversary of the Jewish Morning Freiheit.

Speakers, who included Max Steinberg, representing the Council of Jewish Communists, David Woolhandler, business agent of the Jewish Bakers Union, A. F. of L. Henry Forbes and George Powers representing the Communist Party, and Emmet Patrick Cuth, who spoke as a colleague of Jenkins for many years and Richard H. Lawry, district president of the I. W. O., all lauded Jenkins' contributions to the working-class movement in Pittsburgh. Toastmaster of the banquet was Abraham Straus, Pittsburgh correspondent of the Morning Freiheit.

Jenkins himself made an appeal for funds for the Morning Freiheit, declaring that this was his own way of celebrating the 30th anniversary of his entrance into the working-class movement. The collection totaled \$863 in cash and much more in pledges.

Among the guests were miners and steel workers. Many national groups in addition to the Jewish people were represented at the affair.

## British Board Set Up To Handle U. S. Trade

LONDON, Jan. 15 (UP).—The Prime Minister's Office announced today that a British supply for North America was being formed, with Arthur S. Purvis as head, to handle the increasing volume of supplies from America.

Morris Wilson was named deputy chairman. Other members were Sir Clive Ballew, Sir Henry Self, director general of the British air commission; Vice Admiral A. E. Evans, head of the Admiralty mission in Canada, and the Canadian minister of munitions and supply, C. D. Howe.

The council will handle all supply questions, including representations to the U. S. Government. Ballew will succeed Purvis as director general of the British purchasing commission, it was announced.

## Bolivia, Chile to Sign Non-Aggression Pact

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Jan. 15 (UP).—A non-aggression treaty between Bolivia and Chile will be signed within the next few days, well-informed quarters said today.

The text of the treaty, it was reported, will be made public tomorrow.

## Hemingway Reaffirms Backing of Rescue Ship

Ernest Hemingway, noted American author who covered the war in Spain, tonight reaffirmed his vigorous support of the American Rescue Ship Mission, it was announced at the national headquarters of the project, 200 Fifth Ave., by Miss Helen R. Bryan, Executive Secretary.

In a cabled communication sent from Havana and addressed to Dr. Edward K. Barsky, National Chairman of the United American Spanish Aid Committee, the administering body for the rescue mission, Mr. Hemingway praised the work of Dr. Barsky in Spain, and expressed the sincere hope that a ship would be obtained "as soon as it is humanly possible to do so."

**GIVES MONEY**  
The author last week sent the committee a check for \$2,000 with a note wishing the project "all success" and declaring that "all of us should do everything in our power to save these men who fought for



**British Put Italian Captives to Work**  
ashore from British naval vessels (see camouflaged warship at upper right) off Sidi Barrani, Egypt. The British have put thousands of their captives to work behind the lines in their push, which has driven the Italians out of Egypt and far back into Italian Libya.

## Storms Bring Britain Lull In Air Raids

**RAF Reports Bombing of German Bases in Norway**

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 16 (UP).—After a lull of nearly 48 hours German raiders resumed the bombing of Britain late last night and early today.

Scattered enemy planes appeared over parts of Britain during the day and early evening, but they seemed to be only on reconnaissance or "nuisance" missions.

LONDON, Jan. 15 (UP).—Bad weather grounded the German air force last night but British bombers flew more than 700 miles to attack Nazi air bases, shipping and a railway bridge in southern Norway, the Air Ministry reported today.

The long-range raids under difficult conditions were concentrated on the airports from which German attacks are launched on north Britain and British shipping in the North Sea and Atlantic.

Pilots of the coastal command planes making the attacks said they bombed air fields at Mandal and Forus in extreme southern Norway, as well as targets elsewhere.

**MOTORSHIP HIT**  
Although the weather made observation difficult, bombs were seen bursting at the Mandal airfield. One plane scored two direct hits on a motorship in Stavanger roads. Another bombed what was described as an important railway bridge. All planes returned safely.

Fires were reported started in a forest next to the Mandal airport. Bombs were dropped at the Stavanger field, the main base in the southwest sector of Norway for which the British and German forces fought after the invasion of Norway.

**GERMANS CHECK ON RECENT RAIDS**  
BERLIN, Jan. 15 (UP).—The High Command said today that German air scouts had confirmed the "good effects" of recent heavy bombardments of Plymouth and Portsmouth on the south coast of England.

Bad weather confined air activity Tuesday to reconnaissance flights, the daily war communique said.

## Venezuela O. K.'s Treaty with Brazil

CARACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 15 (UP).—The Venezuelan congress today ratified a treaty with Brazil providing peaceful settlement of any controversies between the two nations.

The treaty, signed in Caracas in July, 1940, already had been ratified by Brazil.

Germany's continued failure to break Britain's resistance, the knocking about being taken by Italy in Albania and North Africa, the stalemate in Japan's "affair" with China and possibility of embroilment in further difficulty with the United States, especially if Japan should attempt to move southward into the Pacific, were suggested as major factors in the conferences called by Konoye and Tajo.

**Siam Reports Advance Into Indo-China**

BANGKOK, Jan. 15 (UP).—The official Thai (Siamese) radio reported today that Siamese forces were continuing to advance into Northeastern French Indo-China and it was reported that Siamese and French troops were exchanging fire at many points along the Mekong River.

According to the radio reports, the French suffered heavy casualties in a clash on the frontier. It was claimed that Siamese planes had bombed "with satisfactory results" seven barges preparing to transport troops in the Pakse District of the disputed frontier region.

**Leahy Still Ill**  
VICHY, France, Jan. 15 (UP).—Admiral William D. Leahy, new American ambassador, cancelled all engagements for this week today on his physician's advice. He still was confined to bed with a cold.

## China Negotiates For Extension Of Burma Road

LONDON, Jan. 15 (UP).—The Chinese government has reopened conversations with Britain in hope of obtaining cooperation in construction of a Burma-Yunnan railway to supplement the Burma motor transport road, it was learned today.

Chinese Ambassador Quo Tai-Chi discussed the proposal with Richard A. Butler, undersecretary for foreign affairs, and it was understood that in Washington the Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Hu Shih, approached the government with a request for rails, rolling stock and other equipment necessary for the proposed railway.

## Tokio Army Chiefs Meet in 'Crisis' Parley

**Konoye Discusses China and European Wars with Aides**

TOKIO, Jan. 15 (UP).—Japanese government and army leaders moved today to formulate new policies to meet complications arising from the war in China, Japan's membership in the German-Italian military alliance and possible spread of the European conflict.

For the second successive day Prince Fumimaro Konoye met with members of the House of Representatives and the House of Peers to discuss what the Domei News Agency said was an "emergency" confronting the Japanese. The nature of the emergency was not defined. The meetings are in preparation for sessions of the Diet later this month.

General Hideki Tojo, war minister, summoned 13 senior army chiefs to a conference to explain "the seriousness of the domestic and foreign situations" and to ask their full support of at least the army's policies, the newspaper Nichi Nichi said.

**'UNPRECEDENTED'**  
The conference conducted by Konoye on one hand and by Tojo on the other followed presentation of the War Powers bill to the United States Congress. Nichi Nichi said that Tojo's talks were "unprecedented" in the history of the Imperial Army, which always has maintained its rights to play a decisive role in national policy in time of emergency.

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## Italians Build Defense Line Outside Derna

**British Hint Tobruk May Fall Without Resistance**

CAIRO, Jan. 15 (UP).—The British Middle East general headquarters communique today said: "On all fronts successful patrol activity continues."

**WITH BRITISH FORCES BEFORE TOBRUK, Jan. 15 (UP).**—British reconnaissance patrols reported today that the Italians seemed to be trying to form a defense line in front of Derna, 90 miles west of Tobruk, fortifying positions across the Tobruk-Derna-Benghazi road and in the desert along caravan tracks.

The supposition was that the Italians hoped Tobruk's besieged garrison would hold out long enough to permit organization of a line at which they could stop any British drive on Derna and Benghazi. British light forces, however, were known to be operating far beyond Tobruk in cooperation with the Royal Air Force, charged specifically with keeping the Italians so harried they cannot form a firm line.

Violent sand storms blowing in from the interior added to the hardships of British forces camped around Tobruk, but artillery bombardment of the base and preparations for a final assault continued.

**FRONTS ARE QUIET, ROME REPORTS**

ROME, Jan. 15 (UP).—Desultory activity by land and air patrols and a minor British air raid on African points were mentioned in today's war communique.

"On the Greek front local actions without importance occurred," the communique said.

"In Cyrenaica (Libya) there was intermittent activity of artillery and patrols in the zones of Tobruk and Jiarabub. Our planes effectively bombed armored cars and enemy artillery. The enemy made air raids on some localities in Libya causing some damages to buildings."

"In east Africa enemy armored motor vehicles approached one of our positions on the Sudanese frontier but were repulsed with losses. Our aviation bombed and machine-gunned enemy motor vehicles and troops. Enemy planes bombed Goral, Tertale, Molele, and Mega, causing slight damages."

**Swiss to Release French Internees**

BERNE, Jan. 15 (UP).—The Swiss Federal Council announced in a communique today that French soldiers interned in Switzerland will be permitted to return to their homes in occupied and unoccupied France following an agreement between the German and French governments.

The date for their release was not specified.

The soldiers will be permitted to take their horses with them but the war material and equipment of the French 45th army corps, interned in Switzerland, will be turned over to Germany and credited to France in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

**Martinique Seeks Food from Argentine**

FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, Jan. 15 (UP).—French officials today disclosed an imminent shortage of flour and announced negotiations with Argentina and Brazil for purchases of flour, meat, potatoes and other foods formerly obtained from the United States.

The South American negotiations were made necessary, an official statement said, by a United States Treasury decision limiting all purchases for Martinique, Guadeloupe and French Guiana to \$600,000 this year.

## 12 Regional Parleys Will Follow People's Convention

**Conference to Push Decisions of Great People's Convention in Struggle to End Imperialist War; Resolutions Rushed to Press**

By Philip Bolsover

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The next step in the onward march of the Peoples Convention Movement is already underway with plans for 12 great regional conferences covering every area in Britain. These regional conferences will elect local committees to direct the campaign based on the eight-point

program. [This militant program, calling for a peoples peace and laying the groundwork for a peoples government committed to abolition of imperialism is reprinted in an adjoining column.—Ed.]

In the words of the campaign resolution adopted by the convention, the local committees will be "on the broadest possible basis," which means that they will be composed of men and women from the factories, offices, workshops and laboratories. Their campaign will be for a peoples government and they will have behind them immense support from the working people, particularly from the factories.

A preliminary analysis of the credentials of delegates attending the meeting shows that delegates elected directly from the factories and workshops represented 400,000 British workers, including many in the country's greatest industrial establishments.

**270,000 MINERS**  
From the engineering and metal trades alone came delegates representing 64,000. In addition to factory workers, 270,000 miners were represented through their organizations. The total number of delegates was 2,300.

In setting up its permanent organization, the convention elected to its National Committee such figures as Arthur Horner, president of the South Wales Miners Federation; the Dean of Canterbury, the Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson; Beatrice Lehmman, famous West End actress; Will Pearson, president of the Lankashire Miners Union; Prof. J. B. S. Haldane, the noted scientist and designer of the editorial board of the London Daily Worker; D. N. Pritt, noted lawyer and former member of the national executive of the Labor Board; William Gallacher, Communist member of parliament; the Rev. Stanley Evans, East London clergyman and George Crane, machinist union shop steward.

Also, Harry Adams, district organizer of the London Building Trades workers, who acted as chairman of the convention; W. J. R. Squire, former member of the council of the Trades Union Congress; Commander Edgar Young of the Royal Navy Reserve, prominent for his work on behalf of Czechoslovakia; Krishan Menon, of the Indian National Congress; W. Zak of the furnishing trades union executive; George Dutch of the London Cooperative Society Management Committee; Dr. Barton of the Socialist Medical Association; Michael Best, secretary of the National Federation of Tenants and Residents Associations; Jack Sussman, youth representative and shop steward of the Swansea aircraft workers; Ben Frankel, internationally known musician and Mrs. Mary Baxter of the Scottish Peace Council.

**PRINTING RESOLUTIONS**  
The scheduled twelve district meetings will complete the National Committee of 50 by electing two from each district meeting. Thousands of copies of the political resolution and the campaign

resolution adopted by the convention are now being printed. The political resolution contains the already famous eight-point program. The campaign resolution outlines the organizational plans of the convention and pledges the movement.

"To support every form of the struggle of working people for better conditions; the life struggle of workers in industry for higher wages, better conditions and shorter hours; the housewives' struggle against the rising cost of living; the tenants' struggle against high rents; the struggle of youth, women, mothers and small shopkeepers, farm labor, office workers, civil service workers, members of the armed forces and their dependents. . . . To work to strengthen the trade union movement . . . and end this policy of subordinating the interests of the working class to the interests of the government and the employers. . . ."

"We aim to win the masses of the Labor Party to support the struggle for a peoples government and to end the policy of collaboration between the Labor Party leadership and the ruling class. . . ."

The press comments on the meeting show how the capitalist press was forced to acknowledge the convention's appeal to the British working class. These reluctant comments now appear in the same capitalist papers which first tried to suppress all news of the movement and then dubbed it a "Communist maneuver."

**PRESS COMMENT**  
The Labor Party organ, the Daily Herald, reports the success of the convention, but tries to soften the blow by saying the "Communists exploited the situation, which puts the Labor Party at a disadvantage."

The Daily Mirror says, "If the government knows its job it will make a careful study of the Peoples Convention." It refers to the fact that more than 2,000 delegates were drawn from the factories, coal fields and offices throughout Britain, adding, "90 per cent of these men and women, brought from all parts of Britain, were honest-to-God British citizens."

The paper concluded that the people have too many grievances for the government to leave unanswered, commenting that the people expected the Labor ministers in the government to speak for them and they have been disappointed—the Labor ministers act like pale imitations of Tory ministers, so the people feel themselves leaders; "therefore the people are beginning to turn to the Communist Party."

The Daily Express seeks to explain the whole convention by saying that the whole thing is due to the "political truce" which prevented the people from airing their grievances.

The Daily Sketch, on the other hand, says the convention was due to "apathy" while the News Chronicle, organs of the cooperative societies, found the delegates a "typical English crowd."

**U. S. Oil Barons Try to Oust British in Mexico**  
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 15.—Two groups of Yankee oil imperialists are racing to corner that part of Mexican oil which was formerly owned by the British oil imperialists—the Royal Dutch Shell Company, expropriated by the Cardenas administration in 1938.

An American oilman summed up the goal of the contest: "The British are out to stay out. And we will inherit their interests." The two main contenders for the "inheritance" are the Standard Oil Company and a group of "independent" oilmen from California and Texas whose spokesmen is one Mike Moss, a millionaire who had some of his oil wells at Tampico expropriated in 1938. Each hopes to take advantage of the war situation to permanently displace Britain in the Mexican oilfields.

Both groups of American oil imperialists are also playing for the support of reactionary Emilio Portes Gil, hoping to use him as a political weapon in their oil intrigues.

Mike Moss came to Mexico six months ago, took a suite of rooms in Mexico's swanky Reforma Hotel, bought a number of horses, and went riding with a group of reactionary Mexican politicians. Now it seems, he intends to stay on—he has bought a house in one of the most exclusive sections of the city. Aside from oil, Moss deals in scrap iron, and his best customer is Japan. Moss and his staff of "experts" are conducting an investigation of the Mexican oil industry. It is said

## Navy Yards Put on 48-Hour Work Week

**Knox Says Hillman Helped Plan Speed-up for Two Ocean Navy**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UP).—The Navy Department has launched an all-out effort to speed construction of a two-ocean fleet, Secretary Frank Knox said today, revealing that most of the nation's navy yards have gone on a six-day, 48-hour week.

Some, he said, have started on a three-shift system that is being extended "as rapidly as possible" to virtually all yards.

He added that in some instances yards may work two 10-hour shifts to permit overhauling of machinery, but that in all cases workers are paid overtime for work in excess of 40 hours—the basic work week.

Knox said the speed-up in the yards was being worked out with Sidney Hillman, co-director of the Office of Production Management.

Simultaneously, Rear Admiral Samuel M. Robinson, chief of the Navy's Bureau of Ships, told the House Naval Affairs Committee that the shipbuilding program has been stepped up to a pace that will see 151 destroyers turned out in the next three years instead of the scheduled 100.

**BOOST "AA" DEFENSES**

The committee, considering measures to expand and equip the two-ocean navy, swiftly approved a bill authorizing a \$300,000,000 expenditure for better fleet anti-aircraft defenses.

It then heard a request for immediate authority and funds to build 280 "urgently needed" submarine chasers, minesweepers and motor torpedo boats capable of operating with the fleet or as escort vessels anywhere.

Robinson told the committee that most of these small boats could be built this year on the Great Lakes, with some of the construction work going to small New England shipyards and on the Gulf Coast.

Knox told a press conference that some difficulty has been encountered organizing three shifts because of the necessity of training foremen and other supervising officers to handle the three eight-hour tricks.

## Swiss to Allow French Interned Troops Return

BERNE, Jan. 15 (UP).—The Swiss Federal Council announced today that agreement had been reached for the return to their homes of French soldiers interned here at the time of the French collapse.

Some 70,000 French troops are in Switzerland, where they fled at the time of the collapse.

The date when the soldiers will be permitted to go back to their homes was not specified. The troops will be permitted to take their horses with them, but all war material will be turned over to Germany under the terms of the German-French armistice agreement.

## 20 Italian Miners Killed in Germany

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (UP).—An official news agency dispatch said today that "memorial services" were held at Gelsenkirchen yesterday for 20 Italian miners who had been killed in a mine "accident" in northern Westphalia. The time and circumstances of the accident were not mentioned.

British planes frequently bomb the Gelsenkirchen area.

## Australian Casualties Listed at 296 in Africa

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 15 (UP).—Australia's war casualties, including the battle of Bardia at which empire forces "liquidated" 94,000 Italians, total 296 up to Jan. 14, it was announced today—31 officers and 265 men, of whom only 17 were killed in action or died of wounds.

Most of the casualties were suffered in the battle of Bardia.

## U. S. Bomber Makes 'Record' to England

LONDON, Jan. 15 (UP).—A new speed record of a trans-Atlantic flight, a feat obscured by wartime secrecy, was claimed today for an American bomber ferried to England by Captain Pat Eves, 31-year-old London pilot.



## Fears Son Will Be Drafted, Detroit Father Kills Self

By William Allan  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Jan. 15.—Because of the fear of his own son being drafted, Lester Miller, 57, killed himself here Monday morning. Miller, his throat slashed, was found in the bathroom of his home at 2677 Pingree Ave., by his son, Robert, 21.

On the bureau of the father's bedroom was a note that read: "I hope this will benefit you on account of the draft. Do all you can for Ruth. I love you both. Please be brave."

Ruth is Miller's seventeen-year-old daughter. The aged worker, in desperation to keep his son from being drafted killed himself, hoping that with his only son being the sole support of his mother and sister, that he would not be drafted.

## Boston Students Urge Backing for Peace Parley

'Town Meeting of Youth' To Be Held in Washington Feb. 7, 8, 9; Students Issue Program for Democracy

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—Stating that "it is the people of America to whom government is responsible and in whose hands our future policies must lie," student leaders from

## Jewish Youth To Hold Parley Saturday

Prominent Youth Leaders to Speak at Jewish Youth Convention

The unity among Negro, Jew and Christian in defense of the peace and liberty of America will be symbolized when Louis Burnham, Youth Secretary of the National Negro Congress, Jack McMichael, Chairman of the American Youth Congress and a student at the Union Theological Seminary, and Samuel Freedman, Executive Secretary of the Youth Division of the American Jewish Congress, speak at the opening of the Greater New York Convention of Jewish Youth.

The initial meeting open to the public will take place Saturday, at 2 P. M., at the Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. 48th St.

Delegates to the convention are coming from settlement houses, "Y's," temple groups and other organizations of Jewish young people. The purpose of the convention is to establish a Jewish youth organization which will fight for the defense of Jewish rights, for democracy and peace, jobs and security, and for the unity of Jewish youth.

Admission to the opening rally, at which Janet Skinner, leader of the National Student Federation of America, and Esther Letz of Local 65, United Wholesale and Warehouse Employees Union will also speak, is 25 cents.

The convention was called by a number of youth and adult sponsors including: Jean Bornstein of the N.Y.U. Student Council; William Geffner, Federation of East Side Social Clubs; Al Lieberman, Senior Council, Juvenile House; Rubin Novack, East New York Federation of Social Clubs; Dr. Annette Rubinstein; Rabbi Moses Miller; Molly Picon, comedienne; Samuel Blinkin, editor N. Y. Citizen; Abraham Goldfeld, Lavanburg Foundation, and many others.

# Plan Prison Camp for Undeportable Aliens

## Fifth Avenue Holdup-Killers Are Indicted

Police Drop Hint That Gunman May Have Had an Accomplice

The brothers—Eusebio alias Di Stefano, were indicted on first degree murder charges yesterday while police hinted they may have had an accomplice in the spectacular hold-up shootings in which they killed a policeman and a civilian and wounded two other persons Tuesday.

At the same time assistant district attorney Jacob Rosenblum, who presented 12 witnesses to the Grand Jury, said that prompt action had thwarted a plan by the brothers to escape from the Bellevue Hospital prison ward last night by overpowering guards and diving through a window.

**PLOTTED ESCAPE**

The brothers—William, 38, and Anthony, 35—were charged in the indictments with the slaying of Alfred Klausman and patrolman Edward Maher in the holdup and gun battle that terrorized the midtown Fifth Ave. shopping district during the lunch hour yesterday.

Rosenblum said the brothers, who will be arraigned tomorrow, had been "overheard" plotting to escape although the prison ward is carefully guarded and William's leg is almost useless because of a bullet wound.

The hint of a possible accomplice came from Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine. He did not amplify it.

## Student Peace Groups Fight Grab of Rolls

Wisconsin U. Clubs Voiced Opposition to Arms Loan Bill

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 15.—Student peace groups of the University of Wisconsin have refused an unprecedented demand for their membership lists by the university administration.

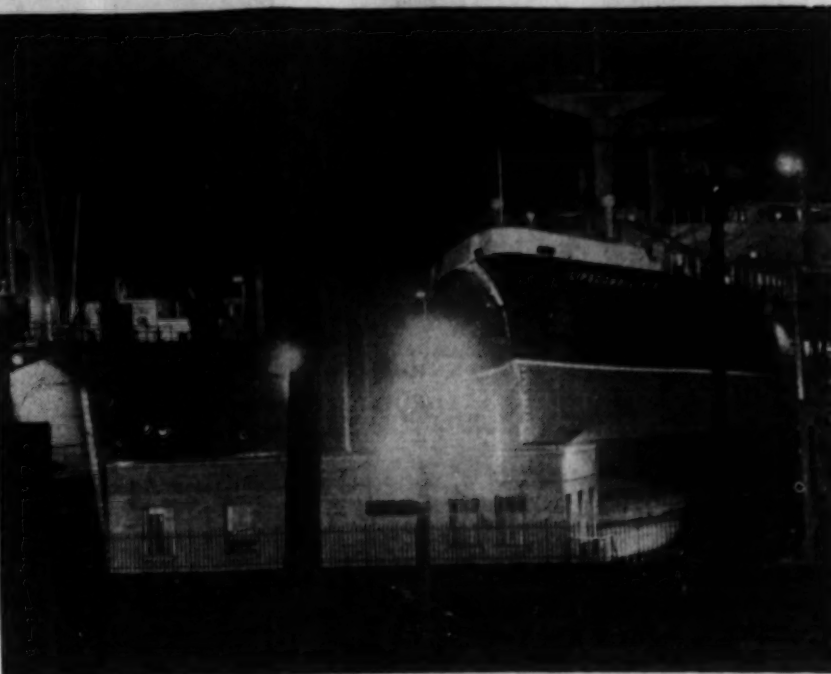
Those asked to turn over their lists were the University League for Liberal Action (American Student Union chapter) and the Young Communist League.

The demand, never made before of recognized campus political organizations, came in the midst of a rapidly spreading class-room peace movement to oppose Roosevelt's "lend-lease" war plan, and Wisconsin Governor Hell's student training ROTC proposals.

The membership list demand was first made upon the Young Communist League following an unsuccessful administration attempt last December to arbitrarily prevent the YCL from distributing leaflets on the campus.

At a closed meeting of the University controlled committee considering the present case, representatives of student organizations stressed that this move violated a state statute forbidding "partisan and sectarian tests" in the University. The committee has as yet taken no action.

Meanwhile the growing campus peace movement is being mobilized to fight against this attempt to blacklist student anti-war organizations. It is especially significant that this effort to blacklist peace groups is made by a University of which draft administrator Dykstra is president.



**Shipyards Hum:** This is a night scene as the repair docks of the Bethlehem shipbuilding yards at Baltimore go on a 24-hour day. The caption supplied by the agency which furnished the picture said the speed-up was to meet "U.S. and British tonnage needs," although President Roosevelt's Arms Loan Bill is still just a bill and not a law. Incidentally, Bethlehem is also a notorious violator of the Wagner Act.

## Rally Here For Oklahoma Trial Victims

Alan Shaw Among Those to Address Rally on Jan. 22

A mass defense rally in behalf of the victims of the Oklahoma criminal syndicalism law will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 22, at Manhattan Center, 34th St. and Eighth Ave. It was announced by the International Labor Defense.

Alan Shaw, 22 who was sentenced to 10 years and \$5,000 fine under the Oklahoma criminal syndicalism law for "membership in the Communist Party," will lead an impressive list of speakers.

Congressman Vito Marcantonio, president of the I. L. D., will fly in from Washington to address the rally. Other speakers include the Rev. William B. Spofford of the Church League for Industrial Democracy; Dashiell Hammett, noted author and chairman of the Election Rights Committee of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties; Frederick Field, executive secretary of the American Peace Mobilization; Eugene Connelly, chairman American Labor Party; Muriel Draper, author; A. J. Iserman, noted labor attorney who will represent the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties; Prof. Howard Selsam of Brooklyn College; Elaine de Paul, representing the students of Brooklyn College; and Samuel A. Neuberger, chairman of the I.L.D. Legal Staff who will preside.

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## Germans Punish Dutch for Sabotage

THE HAGUE, Jan. 15 (UP).—The Netherlands News Agency reported today that residents of the Hague had been fined heavily because it was believed they were accomplices of persons recently found guilty on charges of damaging three German army trucks.

## U.S. Army to Call Medical Reserve Officers by June

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 15 (UP).—The U. S. Army must call "some 6,000 to 7,000 reserve medical officers" to active duty by June, Col. Newton T. Kirk, army medical officer in charge of the surgical section of Walter Reed Hospital told the convention of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons today.

Kirk said that numbers of medical officers would be necessary to match the War Department schedule calling for 1,200,000 officers and men to be under training by June, 1941.

Six medical officers per each 1,000 soldiers, plus a medical enlisted staff amounting to 7 per cent of the force will be needed, he said.

## Freeze Grips Midwest, East Coast

Rains Follow Slight Rise in Temperature in N. Y.

(By United Press) Freezing rains formed a slippery coating over the Middle West and northeastern states Wednesday and highway travel was hazardous in many sections.

A light snow fell in New York and Pennsylvania, but milder temperatures turned the precipitation to freezing rain in the middle western states. Sleet and a cold rain were in prospect for the Atlantic Coast states Wednesday night and Thursday.

Much colder weather was expected in the great plains states during the next 24 hours. Occasional rains were prevalent in the South and on the West Coast. Temperatures in New England and the New York City area moderated from the low marks of Tuesday as the clouds gathered. The temperature was 25 degrees in New York City in mid-afternoon.

## To Interne Britons

MONTREAL, Jan. 15 (UP).—The crew of a British seaplane, forced down off Punta Del Este while watching the French freighter Mendoza, was held today for questioning while authorities debated whether to intern it. There were three men aboard the plane, which was believed operating from the British merchant cruiser Asturias. The plane ran out of fuel.

## Workers' Enemies Exposed

The New York State Committee of the Young Communist League yesterday issued the following statement:

The State Committee of the New York Young Communist League has expelled ESTHER GOLD-HERG alias ROSE ESTEN, from its ranks as an enemy of the youth movement and the whole working class.

This individual had wormed her way into the Sheephead Division of the Young Communist League.

She is 5 feet, 8 inches tall; weighs about 145 lbs. and has brown hair and eyes, around 24 or 25 years of age.

All youth, labor and progressive organizations are warned to have nothing to do with this individual.

## Meanwhile, First Concentration Camp Will Be Set Up for German Sailors; Abandoned C.C.C. Camps To Be Used for Purpose

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The Justice Department today is considering a "parole" system to control the activities of deportable aliens who cannot be deported because of war conditions. Approximately 2,000 aliens have been ordered to leave the United States, but their departure has been blocked by a lack of transportation facilities and refusal of their native countries to accept them.

Under the deportation statutes, an alien can be deported only to his native land or to the country of which he is a citizen. The alien may volunteer to enter another country, providing he can obtain the proper credentials. But few countries will accept a person rejected by his own country.

Proposals being studied would establish standards of conduct for deportable aliens. They would be placed under the supervision of a probation service and required to furnish the justice department with full information about their activities and affiliations.

If the department learned that an alien had violated those standards in such a way that his presence in the United States might be held to constitute a "danger to the public safety," provision would be made for the government to seek an order for his internment through a court process.

Federal officials favor retention in prison camps rather than penal institutions.

The government soon will get its first experience with an alien camp when approximately 250 seamen from the scuttled German liner Columbus are moved from the Angel Island, Calif., immigration station to an abandoned Civilian Conservation Corps camp near Albuquerque, N. M. The men have been kept in custody as "disarmed seamen" until their departure to Germany can be arranged. Their status as non-citizens is not comparable to the deportable aliens, however.

"I will tour the States of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin to secure the necessary information and to thoroughly investigate the situation as it affects the people of these communities. My findings will be reported to the Fifth National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which is to be held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, on March 29th and 30th. It will be up to the different representatives of organizations present at the Conference to decide upon the appropriate action necessary to solve the problem created by discrimination."

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**Zurich Air Alarm**  
ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 15 (UP).—Zurich had a 19-minute air raid alarm period today starting at 9:37 A. M. (3:57 A. M. EST).

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Dear HOUSEHOLD CORNER:  
"Arma virumque cano . . ."  
which, very freely translated, means, "I come to sing the praise of Waldo's salad, not to bury it."

Why, on the lushly garnished, variegated salad-counters of the local cafeterias have I never encountered a plate of this estimable salad, which, judging from its name, had its origin here in New York?

Here's how to make the worthy dish: Peel, dissect and core an apple (a very small apple for one person; a large apple serves two or three). Mix with about an equal amount (or a little less) of cleaned celery, also cut in small pieces. Mix with mayonnaise. How much? Let your avoirdupois be your guide.

A genuine Waldo salad should also contain a few chopped English walnuts. But you can use whatever nuts you have handy—or with no nuts at all it'll still be good. If you feel the family's short on iron, throw in a few raisins. Very tasty. Heap the salad on a plate of lettuce. And the lettuce, remember, is not just an ornament. For best health results, you've got to eat that, too.

Served with a piece of good sharp yellow American cheese (so-called English style or store-cheese), or with a toasted wheat sandwich on "wheat" bread, it makes a fine, balanced lunch. Drink with it a cup of tea or coffee, or better yet a cup of cocoa made with chocolate and milk.

And now, just look what you get: The apples contain vitamins A, B, C and G. The lettuce A, B, lots of C, and codies of E (That's the anti-sterility vitamin, and no left-thinking woman wants to be sterile, now, does she?) The eggs in the mayonnaise have A, B, D, E and G. The celery has B and C, also calcium. Cheese has A, plus calcium and phosphorus. Milk has all the vitamins, plus calcium and phosphorus. The chocolate has phosphorus and copper; the raisins, iron. What's more, the apples, celery, lettuce and milk are all calcium-ash-forming, in case that means anything to you. (I'm sure about all this—I looked it up in the dictionary.)

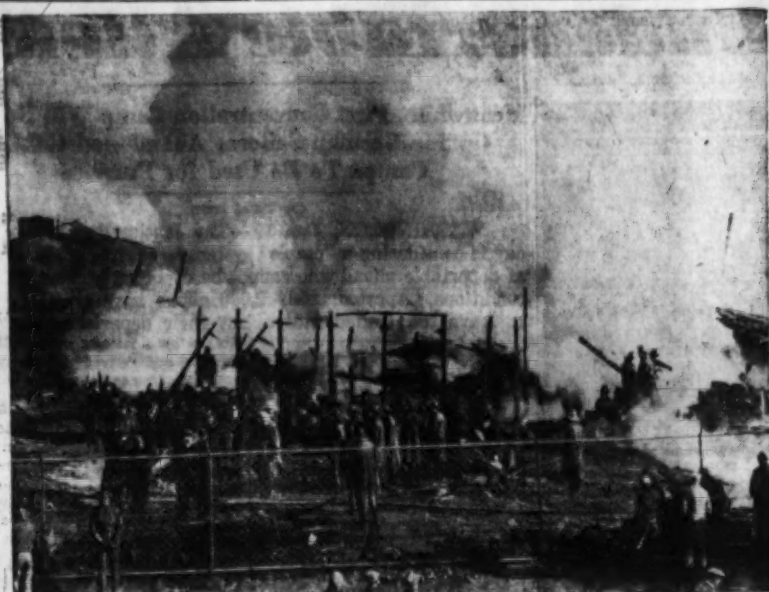
In short, here's a lunch that's got practically everything—nourishment, vitamins, mineral, glamor, oomph, pizzazz—in fact nothing's left out except free-wheeling, lamb-wolf lining, and a windshield wiper. Who could ask more for a nickel (more or less)?

**COOKIEHOUND**  
P. S.: In case you still feel hungry, add a few butter-cookies. The butter in them has vitamins A, D and E.



STYLED FOR KNITTERS: Sweaters have found their place, and this one is modeled for wear with an evening gown. It's made of fine sephyr yarn with midriff ribbing.





**Death Toll 6 in Fire:** Firemen continue to pour water on the smoldering embers of the ruins of the Bennett Bros. box factory in Brooklyn where fire Tuesday took five lives. Yesterday the sixth victim died. Speedup work on "defense" orders caused fire.

## Rockefeller, Morgan Trusts Emerge as Arms Loan Backers

Roosevelt's Boast That 'S-Sign' Is Banished from U. S.-British Deals Belied as Willkie Sails as Morgan's Envoy

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that he would make a two-week trip to England to survey war conditions. He emphasized that he was not representing the government nor any private organization. Secretary of State Cordell Hull has given official permission for the journey.

It is reported in government circles in Washington that Wendell Willkie is going to London, not to conduct theoretical discussions with British statesmen about war aims, but to act as personal emissary of J. P. Morgan.

Willkie is expected to talk over with British Government officials and business groups the intricate and highly important dollar-and-cents problems involved in the lend-lease bill.

There are reports here that the House of Morgan may represent British interests in the sales and transfers of British holdings here which are taking place as part payment for the aid embodied in the President's new war scheme.

Significance is attached to the fact that London K. Thorne, who is accompanying Willkie, is himself a banker and a banking expert.

Willkie's Commonwealth and Southern Utilities Corporation has long been closely connected with the Morgan economic empire, and Thomas Lamont of the House of Morgan came to the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia personally in order to boost Willkie.

### BANKERS FOR BRITAIN

During the last war, the House of Morgan was the official banking firm for the British Government. This time the British were said to have been advised by President Roosevelt that it would be bad public relations to let Morgan act as their front man, and so they sent a Government purchasing mission.

But this has not prevented the Morgans from playing an important role in the background, or from playing an increasingly important role as the war situation develops.

The Rockefeller interests have been rather less secretive than the Morgans in expressing their complete approval of the President's new war scheme.

He added that the "American banking system is prepared to finance the productive activities of industry in any amount that the Defense Program requires."

"And after long periods of idleness, which has also been a period of solidification, the banking system desires nothing so much as to put its whole strength at the call of the country."

Naturally the bankers would like to answer the call of patriotism at a net profit, and so the Federal Reserve Board has sponsored on their behalf a program which would have the effect of raising the rate of interest on loans.

The answer to Roy Howard's question seems obviously enough that the bankers are backing the aid-to-Britain and armaments program because they are cleaning up on it.

**SQUEEZE PLAY ON**  
As a matter of fact, a sharp conflict between two rival American investment trusts reveals that American business interests are competing in order to cash in directly on the President's "altruistic" lend-lease plan.

Despite all the official pronouncements about saving World democracy, powerful business interests aided by the Administration have been squeezing the British to sell their profitable holdings in this country in return for American munitions.

Two investment trust groups have been competing to get in on the ground floor in handling the disposal of British holdings.

One of these is headed by Floyd Odlum of Atlas Corporation and by Cyril Quin of Tri-Continental Corporation.

## Head of Food Joint Board Raps Split Talk

Charges Press Rumors Are 'Red Herring' Alibi of Losers

M. J. Obermeier, Secretary-treasurer of the New York Joint Board of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance, in a statement yesterday lashed sharply against press reports of an alleged "split" following Monday's annual election of the Joint Board's officers.

The newspaper reports were based on statements of a group of bolting delegates at the council, headed by former President Sam Friedman, who found themselves in a hopeless minority.

"There is no basis for the assumption that there has been any split in the Local Joint Executive Board," said Obermeier. "No Local Union has withdrawn."

"What happened is that after being defeated on a last vote to postpone the elections by a per capita vote of 34,400 to 7,000, Sam Friedman, one of the three delegates of Waiters and Waitresses Union, Local 1, withdrew as a candidate for re-election and left the meeting."

"The other two delegates of Local 1, who had voted against Friedman on the postponement issue, remained and participated in the elections."

"With Friedman went representatives from four small local unions, with a total membership of 4,000. Of these four unions, only one, with an aggregate membership of 600, was represented by elected delegates. The others were represented by appointees of unions which never held an election for any office."

"Despite repeated denials made in local elections of charges of Communism, Friedman is attempting to explain his own defeat by dragging out the classic red herring. Neither the culinary workers nor the public at large will any longer be taken in by this outworn trick."

"In the elections, all international laws and democratic procedures were strictly followed. The standing and reputation in the trade union movement and among the public of all those elected is outstanding. We are certain the entire membership is behind them."

### Fine 57 Motorists

Fifty-seven motorists yesterday were fined \$2 each for sounding horns needlessly and having noisy motors. Fines were paid in Uptown, Downtown and Bronx Traffic Courts.

## Influenza Strikes 1,300 in Hartford

Schools Close in Rural Georgia; Is on Wane in Boston

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 15 (UP).—The influenza epidemic caused a slackening of pace today in defense industries.

United Aircraft Corp., at East Hartford, reported about 1,300 of its 15,000 employees were on the sick list.

Several thousand insurance company workers also were absent from work. The number of Hartford school pupils affected increased from 4,507 on Monday to 5,198 Tuesday.

### ON THE WANE IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—A wave of gripe that caused Holy Cross College and scores of schools to suspend classes and confined tens of thousands of students and workers to their homes was reported, "generally on the wane" today in New England.

### FLU CLOSES SCHOOLS IN RURAL GEORGIA

ATLANTA, Jan. 15.—Thousands of Southerners were abed today with a mild form of influenza and schools were closed in scores of towns. Because of the mildness of the disease—only two deaths were attributed to it in recent days, it was impossible to estimate accurately the number stricken.

Restrictions were placed on public gatherings in Spartanburg, S. C., where 15,000 cases were reported and in the Kingsport, Tenn., area some drug stores remained open twenty-four hours a day to fill prescriptions.

## Battle Looms Over Rezoning Ballot Areas

Lehman Proposal Brings Conflict from GOP Opponents

ALBANY, Jan. 15 (UP).—Governor Lehman today called for creation of a joint legislative committee to study reapportionment which immediately started a bitter Democratic-Republican struggle over the controversial issue.

In his third message to the week-old legislature, Lehman said that the Constitution has "been callously violated" with respect to reapportionment of legislative and Congressional districts, and placed blame for the situation "on both parties."

Legislative leaders immediately took up the challenge.

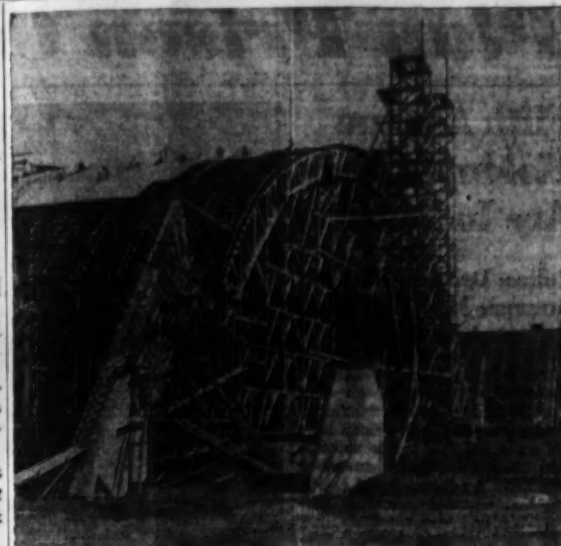
Republican majority leader, Irving M. Ives, assailed the language of the message which he said "was against our very system of government."

"We have heard a great deal about dictators," Ives said. "In fact, the very author of this message had quite a bit to say about them in a message before this house last week. And then, he sends up a must, demanding message like this."

Ives referred to that portion of the governor's message which declared he would not "countenance any attempt longer to withhold from any locality its just representation in the legislature, at Albany or at Washington—no matter how difficult or objectionable it may be for any section."

The union charged that on the basis of a drop in elementary school enrollment of 27,069, the board proposes to drop 1,380 teachers or 600 more than would be warranted if one for every 35 pupils (normal class) was dismissed.

The union released a table from the report of the Board of Education, showing that there was a drastic drop in the number of classes with less than 40 students in each. On the other hand the number of classes with over 40 students increased by 408.



## Speed Bases, Scrap 40-Hour Week

The framework of the hangars being built on the Bortugno Airport, on the tip of Puerto Rico, part of an \$8,100,000 Army base. Roosevelt recently scrapped the 40-hour week on the work on these bases.

## U. S. Conciliator Says Eaton Strike Settled

Pact Terms Withheld, But Dewey Indicates Some Arrangements Made to Rehire Saginaw CIO men

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plant. He conferred with Gov. Murray D. Van Wagoner by telephone during the conference, and then announced:

"The company agreed with Van Wagoner and myself, as a representative of the (National) Defense Commission, on a method by which the Saginaw employees will go back to work."

The four other plants will be opened as soon as possible tomorrow, he added.

It was the CIO's attempt to gain recognition as bargaining agent at Saginaw in face of the UAW-AFL contract, operative until 1942 which precipitated the original dispute last month.

Representing the company at the conference held in the Detroit

Eaton plant were vice-presidents W. H. Wallace and R. H. Daisley. President R. J. Thomas, Leo Lamotte, International Executive Board member, and Richard E. Reisinger of Cleveland, regional director, were present for the union.

Dewey intervened in the strike after authorization from the National Defense Commission and the Labor Department to "insist" that the Eaton plants be reopened to continue production of tanks and submersibles for the automotive companies.

Still pending before the National Labor Board is the UAW-CIO's petition for a bargaining election, at the Saginaw plant. A union official said earlier the UAW-CIO would abide by the decision.

## New Oklahoma Trials Set For Feb. 17

Labor Defense Asks for Aid in Announcing New Trial Date

Efforts to rush four more of the victims of the Oklahoma criminal syndicalism law to trial on Tuesday were thwarted by the defense which won a postponement until Feb. 17. It was announced by the International Labor Defense.

John Eberle, prosecutor in the criminal syndicalism cases, had announced his readiness to try Mrs. Ina Wood, Miss Elizabeth Green, Herbert Brauch and Eli Jaffee at the earlier date. All of the defendants are out on bail ranging from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

The International Labor Defense, which is handling the legal defense in all the Oklahoma cases, is taking all necessary steps to perfect the appeals in the cases of Robert Wood and Alan Shaw who have already been tried and sentenced to 10 years and \$5,000 each.

"More than ever before, nationwide support must be mobilized behind the Oklahoma cases," the I. L. D. statement announcing the postponement pointed out. "The state is quite clearly determined to try each of the 12 defendants in these cases and since many of them have two counts of 'criminal syndicalism' against them, we are faced

## CIO Union Votes Strike At Whelan

800 Employees Authorize Walkout After Deadline

Whelan Drug Co. store employees, in two meetings at 254 West 34th St., last night voted unanimously to authorize their negotiating committee to call a strike if a pact with the firm covering 800 employees at 54 Manhattan and Long Island stores is not reached by Feb. 1.

The workers, members of Drug Store Employees, Local 1199, CIO, are demanding a 15 per cent increase for those earning below \$25; 10 per cent for those earning over that, and hiring through the union.

Secretary-Manager Benjamin Gudes put the strike vote before the members after several conferences with the company ended in deadlock.

with the possibility of some 20 trials in the lower courts alone. With the necessary appeals that will have to be taken, the new trials, the records, transcripts briefs involved in each, tens of thousands of dollars in defense funds will be needed to assure the successful conduct for this fight to defend the Bill of Rights."

## Mayor Gags Press Here as 'Defense' Council Meets

Invites Newspaper Publishers, Other Big Shots, and Pledges Them to Secrecy; Critics Call Meeting Opening of Political Campaign

By Harry Raymond  
With the working press barred, Mayor LaGuardia called his banker-dominated City Defense Council into session secretly yesterday behind police-guarded doors of the City Council chamber. It was the first meeting of the council, set up on Oct. 11 to prepare the city for a state of war, and all who participated, including City Council members, newspaper publishers and members of the Board of Estimate (who received special invitations) were pledged to strict silence concerning the reports and plans presented and discussed.

Councilman Louis Cohen of the Bronx, on leaving the session, characterized the meeting as "the Battle of Too Soon."

One prominent newspaper publisher, who asked that his name be withheld, said:

"They didn't tell us anything and made us promise not to tell what they told us."

On leaving the meeting, the Mayor added his voice to President Roosevelt's vilification of Senator Burton K. Wheeler's anti-war, anti-loan-lease statements.

"The Department of Commerce has just announced Germany plans to make Vienna the fashion center," he said. "I think that will indicate they expect to control everything if they win. I would refer the matter to Senator Wheeler."

The only official statement that came out of the meeting was the Mayor's announcement that he was chairman of the Defense Council and that a special committee had been appointed for "police and fire protection."

**BIG SHOTS ON BOARD**  
Included as members of the wartime police and fire board are Philip A. Benson, president of the Dime Savings Bank; George V. McLaughlin, president of the Brooklyn Trust Co.; David Bernoff, president of the Radio Corp. of America; Roderick Stevens, Bronx coal dealer; Philip L. Becker, vice-president of the American Chicle Co.; O. M. Mosier, vice-president of American Airlines; John Adicks, real estate lawyer; Arthur A. Johnson, president of Queens County Chamber of Commerce and subway contractor; Walter Mack, president of Pepsi-Cola Co.; Benjamin Namm, department store owner; Rudolph Schaefer, brewer, and David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Dubinsky and Jacob Potofsky, the latter of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, are said to have been given the task of curbing strikes and demands of labor and are considered among the most "important" members of the City Defense Council.

All newspaper publishers in the city, except publishers of the Daily Worker, were invited to attend the meeting.

By pledging the publishers to secrecy, the Mayor was seen jockeying himself into a position of confidence.

After a hard-fought strike of five weeks, Local 65, United Wholesale and Warehouse Employees, CIO, last night reached a closed shop contract covering the 36 employees of S. Reiff and Sons, 180 Monroe St.

The firm wholesales second-hand clothing. Raises of \$2 and \$5 weekly, seniority rights, paid vacations, sick leave, were won.

**Get Food Stamps**  
ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 15.—The federal food stamp plan went into effect here today.

**Out Today**  
**Will Our Democracy Endure?**  
**THEODORE DREISER**

The renowned author reviews the attacks by the war makers on the fundamentals of American life. He writes of the people's resistance, proving that "American democracy is a slow-growing, tough bred thing that has withstood Civil War, widespread plunder and graft, unprecedented centralization of wealth, and slow starvation."

**An M.P.'s Letter to America**  
**WILLIAM GALLAGHER**  
The Communist member of Parliament tells how the American people can best aid the struggle of their British brothers for democracy and peace.

**Interview With Sen. Wheeler**  
**A. B. MAGIL**  
**NEW MASSES**  
15 Cents at All Newsstands and Bookshops



# Unions Demand Pay Rise as Living Costs Go Up



**This Meeting,** of the CIO Executive Council, held in Washington, D.C., last Jan. 8, 9, where the council members took a firm position on labor's rights to higher wages, improved working standards, and the right to strike, has been followed by a growing nationwide movement of CIO unions for increased wages. Among the many CIO unions which have presented the employers for wage boost demands are the National Maritime Union, the Steel Workers Organizing Committee Carnegie locals, many CIO United Automobile Workers locals.

## 16,000 Chicago Steel Mill Men Back Wage Drive

**Workers of Carnegie Steel South Chicago Workers Open High-Powered Drive; Harvester Co. Employees May Go on Strike**

By Carl Harris  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—In the mammoth South Works plant of Carnegie-Illinois, 16,000 workers are heading for wage increases under the motor power of a highly-organized CIO drive. The big U. S. Steel mill hasn't seen such union activity since the early weeks of 1937 when the CIO won its first contract from the big corporation.

### Strikers Reject Bayonne Co. Wage Offer

**Company Proposes 3-Cent Rise, Union Has Demanded Ten**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BAYONNE, N. J., Jan. 15.—Striking workers of the Babcock & Wilcox Co. today unanimously rejected a company offer of a three-cent hourly wage increase.

Following the meeting a new conference with company representatives was scheduled at the Federal Building in New York for tomorrow morning.

Neil Brant, regional director and Walter Mufford, organizer of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers, CIO, reported to the workers that the company offered a five-cent increase on the hiring minimum to 60 cents an hour; three-cent general raise and a wage review of classifications within a month. The union shop was rejected by the firm.

The strike of 450 workers, now in the second week, has held up production of machinery for the Navy. In the meantime, the UERMV has entered negotiations with the Foster-Wheeler Corp. of Carteret, N. J., whose 750 employees chose the union in NLRB election recently.

## Curran Warns Ship Lines NMU Will Fight for Raise

**Union Demands 25 Per Cent Wage Increase, More War Bonus; Cites Huge Profits of Shipping Lines Since War Began**

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national defense," while they get these great profits and attack the union.

"The membership is 100 per cent behind the union's demands," added Curran. "Hundreds of telegrams are arriving from ships and other ports demanding these concessions," he continued, pointing to a pile of messages on his desk.

These statements were strongly endorsed by other union officials at the press conference—Secretary Ferdinand Smith, Treasurer M. Hedley Stone and national organizers Jack Lawrenson, Frederick Meyers and Howard McKenzie.

Asked whether the rising cost of living was a factor in the demands of the seamen, Curran said "Yes." But the cost of living was a secondary issue to the ability of the ship owners to pay higher wages, he made plain.

Some ship owners have admitted to us that they are making 300 and 400 per cent," said the NMU president.

Ship owners have benefited by an enormous rise in freight rates. Oil in barrels, for instance, brings the ship owners 100 per cent more on some trips than it brought before the war.

Curran said that the union rejected the ship owners' offer to add a dollar a day to the wage during a limited war zone.

A dollar a day extra for a few days east of the 140th meridian is meaningless, the union contends.

From the start of the war, said

## Westinghouse Local Seeks Wage Increase

**Wilmerding, Pa., Local Nominates New Officers**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WILMERDING, Pa., Jan. 15.—All present officers of Local 610, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers with a membership in the Westinghouse Air Brake and the Union Switch and Signal Corps, were renominated at a membership meeting last Friday night.

Nomination is tantamount to reelection since there were no opposing candidates. The meeting was described by union spokesmen as the largest in the history of the local, having an attendance of 3,000. The large turnout was ascribed to the development of the local's campaign for a signed contract with the airbrake company and for a wage increase. Wage demands include one for a \$6 minimum for foundry workers, which would amount to a little more than a ten cent an hour increase.

CITES HINES CASE

Union leaders said that the announcement by Westinghouse Electric officials that they were willing to sign a contract, did not affect the airbrake workers directly. "Policies of the Airbrake Corporation are determined by the law firm of Thorp, Reed, Bostwick and Armstrong," a union leader declared. He pointed out that Reed argued the employers side in the recent Hines case before the U. S. Supreme Court and is also the attorney for E. T. Weil's National Steel Corp.

The Hines case in which the court ordered the company to sign a contract was declared to be directly applicable to the airbrake situation. The NLRB has certified the union's right to collective bargaining and has ruled that the company must sign a contract. "We have been certified," Albert Smith, business agent of Local 610 declared, "but we still have no contract. That is what we are after now."

The NMU president, the union has rejected the idea that danger is restricted to official war zones.

Mines are everywhere afloat, he declared. The whole seven seas are danger zones to American seamen today.

Sale and transfer of American ships to foreign countries has caused a shortage of bottoms," said Curran. "As a result ships and crews were speeded and needed repairs were neglected, thus adding to the danger at sea."

Members of the union met later yesterday to hear their officers report on the state of the negotiation.

Divisional headquarters will be established at Camp Edwards, where a new \$8,000,000 cantonment has been constructed to accommodate the citizen-soldiers. First units of the National Guard Division will arrive at the camp Saturday night.

Liner S. S. Manhattan Still Aground in Florida

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 15 (UP).—Maritime authorities said today it might be a week or more before the United States liner Manhattan could be released from a sand bar 250 yards offshore.

An 800-ton barge from Miami was standing by and was expected to take a 2,500-ton cargo of oil off the 24,000-ton liner some time today. Two tugs and two coast guard cutters were continuing their efforts to ease the big ship back into deep water, but with little progress.

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## Ohio CIO Auto Men to Vote On Walkout

**Employees Demand 10-Cent General Wage Boost; 1,000 Involved**

CLEVELAND, Jan. 15 (UP).—Officials of the United Automobile Workers' Union (CIO) announced today that a strike vote will be taken tomorrow among 1,000 employees of the Weatherhead Manufacturing Company, now engaged in filling a \$1,000,000 defense contract for ammunition parts.

Hasting Jones, UAW-CIO organizer, said that the Weatherhead local called for a strike vote to enforce demands for a general 10-cent an hour wage increase. The union sought vainly to avoid a crisis because of the company's defense orders, he said.

John R. Cox, company vice-president, said that wage rates in the plant were above the average paid for similar work in Cleveland industry. He said the company had offered concessions which would increase the plant's annual payroll by \$120,000.

The proposed terms included an offer of a 3-cent an hour general wage increase, a paid vacation plan, renewal of the union agreement for a two-year period and individual upward rate adjustments wherever justified, Cox said.

Jones said that union figures did not bear out the company's claim that wages were above average.

## 450 Weavers Locked Out in Rhode Island

**Company Closes Door on Workers After It Revokes Pact**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 15.—Four hundred and fifty weavers of the Atlantic Mills of the A. D. Judd & Co. were locked out Monday, when the company revoked an agreement arrived at earlier in the day with Anna Weinstock, Federal conciliator, which the weavers at a mass meeting yesterday afternoon accepted as the basis for their return to work.

The weavers, who are members of the Textile Workers' Union of America, CIO, had been on strike for one week. They struck when the management refused their request for wage adjustments to compensate for their exceedingly low earnings due to a bad run of work. The weavers were able to make wages running only from \$14 to \$24 for a full week's work.

AFL DISRUPTS

The Woolen and Worsted Federation of the UTW (AFL) has a contract with the management but does not represent the weavers, who are all members of the CIO. When Joseph Sylvia, president of the Woolen and Worsted Federation, heard of the agreement reached between the company and the CIO, he threatened to strike the rest of the mill if the management abided by its agreement with the CIO. In spite of the fact that the AFL contract with the company prohibits strikes. The Management thereupon revoked its agreement with the Textile Workers' Union of America; the workers left their machines and the weave shed closed.

But these workers, most of them in a union for the first time, remain as solid as the day they had been any time during the strike.

The entire community is feeling the strike. The greater part of the strikers live in Greenpoint. Their reduced purchasing power has had its effect in the groceries, fruit markets, dry-goods and house-furnishing establishments, movie houses, and wherever else Leviton employees spent their few dollars.

As a result there has developed a neighborhood solidarity. Churches, synagogues and various community organizations and labor unions of the AFL and CIO of the area, are uniting behind the strikers. Aid is coming in various forms—benefit dances, donations, support on the picket line and similar encouragement.



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## Aimed at the Last Remnants of Democracy

The last remnants of democracy in New York would be virtually ended if the Coughlin bill, just introduced, were to be passed by the State Legislature.

It is "birds of a feather" with the Dunnigan bill, which would destroy free elections by proposing to deny the Communist Party its democratic right to the ballot. This measure, too, is aimed at the Communists, but this is only for the purpose of smashing the right to strike and putting a muzzle on all free public expression.

The Coughlin bill sails under the colors of being directed against "sabotage" and "criminal syndicalism." Actually what it does is to sabotage the gains and fundamental rights of the trade unions, and makes "criminals" out of those who oppose the drive of the Administration to get us into the unjust war under the guise of "defense."

Any citizen who publishes, speaks, or holds a meeting to point out that Wall Street is profiteering on the "defense" program, could be penalized, under the law, for "sabotaging" defense.

It even abolishes capitalist property rights to the extent that an owner who rents his hall to the people for holding a meeting for peace instead of for entry into war, could be prosecuted. Thus freedom of Assembly, and free speech guaranteed by the Bill of Rights would become a mockery.

The very advocacy of the Coughlin measure is an indication of the extreme reaction and fascism which is gripping the country in the wake of the phony "defense" program. "Criminal syndicalism" laws already exist in most states as a result of the last world war hysteria. But the reactionaries are not satisfied with them; they want even tighter strait-jackets for the rising anti-war sentiments throughout the country. The Coughlin bill is even worse than the present undemocratic criminal anarchy law of New York State, since this bill extends repression to include so-called "industrial sabotage."

Gov. Lehman encouraged the bill with his demand for an "anti-sabotage" law.

This bill, of course, pretends to penalize those who advocate or practice "force or violence"—which by its very terms could not apply to the Communist Party. Moreover, the workers can be sure that it will not be applied against the force and violence which the employers will use to attack their picket lines and their lawful and peaceful activities.

It would be used to strangle the peace movement and the gains which labor and the people have made in New York State in the last years. These gains—which have given New York the name of "the most progressive state in the Union"—are to be brutally sacrificed to war hysteria, Wall Street and the Roosevelt Administration. It is only after Sen. Dunnigan proposed the storm-trooper bill against the Communists that the reactionaries felt bold enough to advance Coughlin's bill—which emphasizes that any move directed against the Communists is a preview of what is intended for the whole population.

Labor and the people must see that the Coughlin bill goes down to a crushing defeat. The trade unions especially should lead a statewide campaign against it. Wire Sen. Edward J. Coughlin, your Assemblyman and Gov. Lehman. Urge the defeat of this Hitler bill.

## The Peoples Convention—A Heroic Achievement

The Peoples Convention just finished in England was an inspiring event. It made history. It gave the lie to the charge that if the people want peace this means that the people are "appeasers." On the contrary, the Peoples Convention earned the hatred of all the notorious appeasers in the ruling circles of Britain.

But the reactionaries did not dare to stop it. They knew this was the real England, not the England which is getting rich from this so-called "war for democracy."

This real people's England demanded a Peoples Government to defend the interests of the English majority, not the profits of the aristocratic minority. It demanded protection from the air raids, decent wages for labor and the armed forces, freedom for India and all the oppressed colonies. It demanded friendship with the neutral Soviet Union, solidarity with the enslaved German and Italian peoples for a united fight against ALL reaction, at home and abroad.

The Peoples Convention denounced this war; it proved that to defeat reaction it is a first necessity to overcome and defeat the

reactionary ruling cliques at home. For, these reactionary cliques at home encouraged and nourished the reaction abroad, and would not hesitate to come to terms with it if the defense of class interests demanded it.

Hitler is far more frightened by this Peoples Convention than by all the Churchills and Halifaxes in the world. For it is just such movements in Germany which Hitler fascism tortures and murders in its fear. In fact, the bankers of London and Berlin have a common class fear of the peoples convention movement and its drive for a peoples', anti-imperialist peace.

Wall Street is equally afraid of the fight for a peoples peace. Such a peace would put an end to all national enslavements, all reactionary suppression of peoples and nations. It would unite the peoples of Europe and the colonies in a brotherly bond which nothing could break. Such a peace would open up for mankind the outlook of a peace that would never be broken.

But such a peace requires a determined struggle against the policies of the war-makers and reactionary financial rulers at home. It means that the people themselves would have to make the peace and determine its course.

The voice of the British people at the peoples convention has thrilled and educated America. It has shown us that the way for both peoples to defend their interests is in a joint struggle against the imperialist policies everywhere, whether it be in London or Berlin, Tokio or Wall Street, Rome or Vichy.

The deep roots of the Peoples Convention among the English people are vividly proved by the latest news of the widespread strike movements of British labor for better wages, for an end to the scandalous profiteering of the rich.

No jeers or sabotage of the British Labor Party leadership could intimidate the delegates to the Convention from the trade unions. British Social-Democracy does not have the same ability to confuse and divide the English working class as it had in the last war. Its poisons collide with an awakened consciousness among the British working class.

From the inspiration of this heroic achievement of the British people, held in the midst of war, the American people take courage and hope. It proves that in this second World War it is not taking the war's victims as long to unmask its profit-grabbing character as it did in 1914. This lesson is the gift of British labor to the people of the United States. It is accepted with gratitude and admiration.

## The People Would Need Defense from 'Home Defense'

As fast as President Roosevelt finishes with one scheme to Hitlerize the nation, he pulls out another.

The latest is the so-called "home-defense" program in which, according to one newspaper, "every citizen can take part." These alleged "home defenders" are "to combat destructive influences in national life."

But scarcely anything could be more destructive of the life of the people than this fake "home defense" proposal. It is a real war-time development of serious proportions, which seeks to make every other American a snooker and a stoolpigeon against his fellow American. A citizen who wants to keep America out of the war, or questions the "defense" program, or who differs with the divine judgment of Wall Street and the Administration, would be regarded as "suspect." It is a plan worthy of Hitler's Gestapo which prosecutes people who listen in to forbidden stations on the radio. The very fact that it proposes to bring in women shows its far-reaching intentions toward militarizing every home.

This is the logical extension of the anti-labor Home Guard measures, one of which was just adopted over the protests of labor and liberals in Massachusetts. It justifies the warning of the recent CIO Executive Board meeting in Washington, that state legislation should be enacted to regulate Home Guard actions against labor.

Press reports are that the President is now considering the "home defense" plan. But it is already plain that it is a sinister attempt to make the people participate in the destruction of their own peace and civil liberties.

## The Logic of His Betrayals

Surrendering the right to strike means, in actual practice, lining up with the Roosevelt Administration and the employers to crush a strike by compulsion.

That is the effect of William Green's unscrupulous attack upon the striking United Automobile Workers at Saginaw, Michigan. In his characteristic lackey role to the economic royalists, Green said the strike was "a deliberate attempt to sabotage the national defense program." This is the same language which the profiteering employers are using.

It was just a few days ago that Green's fellow AFL leaders, in the metal trades and building trades unions, surrendered the right to strike. The Daily Worker warned them against this betrayal; and now Green takes the next logical step by openly helping to smash a strike.

It is only by giving full support to the CIO workers that the AFL membership can protect themselves against the traitorous policies of the Green leadership.



## BOMB'S HAVOC:

The gaping hole in the street and the wreckage of buildings behind it, top left, is the damage from one bomb in a recent night raid on London. Directly above, this pile of rubbish was once a busy street. Note the 'one-way' sign at the left. Below is a campus scene at a famous school, Eaton, where the headmaster's house, in the foreground, was smashed.

## Cubans' Fight to Free Prestes Recalls Earlier Struggle to Liberate Julio Mella

By Jonas Mills

(Special to Intercontinent News)

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 15.—The mounting volume of protests that are today being directed at Dictator Vargas demanding the freedom of Luis Carlos Prestes recalls the mass protests which in 1925 succeeded in freeing another of the great anti-imperialist fighters, Julio Antonio Mella.

The ruthless and bloody Machado had established himself with the help of the U. S. State Department as dictator of Cuba. Machado had constantly been trying to put Mella out of the way because of Mella's uncompromising leadership in the struggle against the imperialist forces for which Machado was a puppet. Machado succeeded in having Mella arrested in November 7, 1925 and threw him into jail. Mella immediately declared a hunger strike with the slogan "Death or Freedom." The Cuban American workers and students flooded Machado with protests, finally forcing Mella's release.

Julio Antonio Mella, born in 1903, began early in life, even in high school, to take an active part in the struggle against imperialism. At the age of 19 he became the leader of a movement in Havana University having as its aim reforms in the educational system, particularly for autonomy of the student body and bringing of culture to the whole people. The movement, supported by the mass of the Cuban people, grew. The students gained control of the University in January, 1923. Mella was elected Rector, the framework for student control was established and the first steps toward educating the mass of the people were taken. Mella became director of a Workers University, the "Jose Marti," which held classes in the buildings of the University of Havana, as well as in the union halls, for the workers of Cuba.

## ORGANIZED STUDENTS

During the same period Mella organized demonstrations of workers and students against Yankee imperialism, led an anti-fascist demonstration when an Italian warship visited Havana, and took advantage of the arrival of a Soviet ship, which incidentally was denied entrance to the harbor of Havana, to point out to his fellow students and workers the difference between capitalist governments and the only peoples' government, the USSR.

Upon Machado's inauguration, Mella explained to the people the real role Machado was to play as the representative of United States imperialism rather than of the Cuban people. Two years later, in July 1925, Mella with others, founded the Communist Party of Cuba. He became Secretary of the Anti-Imperialist League of Cuba, whose program was one leading to complete social, political and economic independence for the Cuban people.



JULIO ANTONIO MELLA

It also exposed the cruel exploitation of the people through the complete domination of the island by United States imperialism.

These activities earned Mella the undying hatred of Machado. After his arrest and subsequent release through protests of the people, Machado forced him to go into exile in Mexico. Here he continued his fight to free the people, the Cuban people, all people from capitalist slavery. He patiently explained in meetings, in the columns of "El Liberador," organ of the Anti-Imperialist League and "El Machete," organ of the Mexican Communist Party, a paper he helped found, the only way in which such freedom could be achieved—only by Marxism-Leninism. He aided the International Labor Defense in Mexico, started the monthly publication "Cuba Libre" as the central organ of the Association of New Revolutionary Exiles of Cuba of which he became Secretary.

## PROLIFIC WRITER

In addition he wrote several pamphlets regarding conditions in Cuba—among which are "Cuba, A Country Which Has Never Been Free," a denunciation of the exploiters of Cuba, and "The Cry of the Martyrs," an exposure of the brutal tyranny of Machado. However, his work entitled "The Revolutionary Struggle Against Imperialism" is of considerable importance not only for the Cuban people but also for all anti-imperialists everywhere. In it Mella completely discredited, with the aid of a thorough understanding of Marxist-Leninist theory, a movement in Latin America known as the ARPA, "Popular American Revolutionary Alliance" the "aristas." It was composed of opportunistic and reformist elements, Trotskyites and bourgeois and petty-bourgeois anti-imperialists.

The ARPA attacked the Soviet Union, the Communist Party, and all revolutionary workers. Mella directed his attack on the

ARPA not only to discredit the ARPA as such but also to "discredit" before the workers all opportunist and reformist traitors who had the same or similar ideologies as the ARPA although they might deny having any connection with the ARPA or might even call themselves enemies of it.

Mella points out very clearly that the anti-imperialist bourgeoisie and petty-bourgeoisie play a progressive and revolutionary role only as long as they do not try to oppose the tasks of the proletariat and shape history to their own ends.

And, declared Mella, "the most diligent fighters against imperialism are the workers."

Mella's continued activity in behalf of the oppressed peoples everywhere and in the cause of the Cuban people in particular, cause Machado to make further attempts on his life.

## ASSASSINATED IN 1929

Twelve years ago, on January 10, 1929, he succeeded—Mella fell in a street in Mexico City mortally wounded by bullets from the guns of assassins hired by Machado, the puppet of Wall Street.

Blas Roca, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, paying tribute to this greatly beloved leader of the Cuban working class, declared:

"Mella, leader in a new epoch, in the epoch of the proletariat, combined a theoretical understanding and a scientific ability (Marxist-Leninist) which enabled him to analyze and to explain the extensive problems of the class struggle and the formation of the Communist Party in our country, with the courage and determination necessary to carry on the most intense sort of practical struggle among the masses and through the new-born Communist groups.

"Because of this Mella left us the example of his fruitful deeds, of his death without fear, convinced that even after death we are useful to the Revolution and also he bequeathed to us, as his best heritage, his writings—always vivid, precise, strong, incisive, shattering to the reformists and traitors who fall beneath the demolishing strokes of his pen.

"Mella, before everything, was a loyal militant of the Communist International.

"Mella has been one of the best exponents of Communist principles in our country and its most ardent defender against misrepresentation and attack by the open and covert enemies of the Revolution.

"Mella performed a great practical task in all aspects of revolutionary work, but his fundamental concern was always that of organizing the working masses, of giving them a Marxist education, of strengthening their class-consciousness, immunizing them against outside bourgeois and petty bourgeois influences and raising their political level.

"This was Mella."

## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

### GREEN CHEESE IS THE MOON

If Halifax is England, then Franco must be Spain,  
And Berchtesgaden Germany, and all the world insane.  
If Mannerheim is Finland, Il Duce Italy,  
Then black is white and day is night and lies will set you free.

Is Hirohito China? Is Beaverbrook Bombay?  
Is Henry Wallace Mexico? Is Knudsen U.S.A?  
Can Pierre Laval be Paris? Is January June?  
Then Vichy is the soul of France and green cheese is the moon.

Oh sing a song of six per cent, oh sing a song of frauds,  
Of millionaires and billionaires, of Krupps and Henry Fords,  
Of colonies and dollars, of blood and profiteer;  
The people sing another song, they sing it proud and clear:

The people shall be England, the people shall be Spain,  
The people shall be Germany—they have a world to gain;  
From Leningrad to Frisco, from Sydney up to Nome,  
The working man is every land, and every land's his home.

S. ZATHMARIE.

The latest of Mrs. Roosevelt's relatives to be immortalized in her column, "M-Day," is her aunt, the late Mrs. William Sheffield Cowles. When she is not writing on how good the tea is, Mrs. Roosevelt loves to tell how good her relatives are. And Auntie Cowles could tell them all and quite captured the heart of niece Eleanor. She had "remarkable judgment," Eleanor tell us, and "was interested in public affairs and in history." She was "subtle, interesting, tactful and had the great gift of being able to listen to others as well as to talk delightfully herself." Could there have been a finer model for the niece? But wait, you haven't heard anything yet. What fascinated Eleanor most about Auntie was this: "I used to think that she might have governed an empire, either in her own right or through her influence over a king or an emperor." All of which makes us wonder whether Mrs. Roosevelt adopted as her guiding motto for self-improvement the old saying: "Go to the aunt, thou sluggard!"

Have you noticed that—

—Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who admitted that as a hater he couldn't hit a home run every time he went to bat, has developed into a pitcher who hits the common man in the head every time he throws the ball. A dangerous bean ball, indeed.

—The government has said that American Negro troops may mingle freely with white soldiers—provided the whites are "enemy" soldiers whom they are engaging in hand to hand combat.

—That there is an unmistakable FDR in cannon FoDder.

—That the soldier singing "You'll never get rich, you're in the army now" will in all truth never get rich while he's in the army—but someone else will.

CONRAD OLSON.

William Leiserson of the Labor Board is not one of those people who thinks that all the sacrifices must be made by labor. Oh, no—share and share alike, is his motto. Writing in the Sunday Times, Leiserson admiringly tells how it works in England. The employees have their working hours increased. And what do the employers sacrifice in return? Why, they "willingly agree" that the worsening of working conditions should be a "temporary" change. We suppose that Leiserson is all for lengthening the work-day here if the employers unselfishly provide the time-clocks.

## CAPITOL CHANT

What if for the rocks we're heading straight—  
Sail on, sail on, O Dictatorship of State!

H. G.

Agreement has been reached on the site for a U. S. naval base on the island of Trinidad. Little did the inhabitants realize when Mr. Roosevelt visited Trinidad some time ago (a visit since celebrated in song) that the President had come to stay.

General Sodu has been relieved of the Italian command in Albania for "reasons of health." Dizzy spells from riding backwards?

"Thar's gold in them thar Hillmans," say the open-shoppers.

## Letters From Readers

Pledge to Re-double Efforts to Build Paper as Tribune to Harry Gannes

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

We, like many other thousands of workers, offer our most profound sympathy at the untimely death of our comrade, Harry Gannes.

His presentations of the international situation were analyzed for us in such a manner as to make us see our way more clearly. We shall all miss him as we have since the very first day of his illness.

As the best tribute to Comrade Gannes' memory, we pledge to redouble our efforts in building the Daily and Sunday Worker and the Communist Party.

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Increase Sunday Worker Subs by Regular Routes

Brookline, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Our work in the selling of the Sunday Worker has been most surprising, to say the least!

As a member of the Y. C. L. branch in Brookline, I am happy to inform you, as well as our readers, that a great many of our members have established regular routes and, as a result, we now sell a total of 85 "Workers" every Sunday.

We have a great many Negro friends who buy our paper on Sundays. We hope to advance in this line of work and are intending to try new neighborhoods in the near future.

A. G.



## CHANGE THE WORLD

Science Is a Dangerous  
Power in the Hands of  
A War-Hungry System

By MIKE GOLD

STOCKS did not take a nose-dive, nor did the fat boys of the National Association of Manufacturers go into sackcloth and ashes and prophesy ruin when President Roosevelt announced the unprecedented budget of 17½ billion dollars for the coming year.

To the contrary, the budget was greeted with satisfaction. There were even murmurings to the effect that it wasn't large enough for the purpose, and that Santa Claus must not be stingy in such a critical hour.

For this was a war budget, not a peace budget. All this enormous wealth, forming a national debt that your grandchildren and mine will be expected to pay, was to be used for explosions, sinkings, bombings and the manufacture of insane and useless catastrophes. It was not to be employed on nurseries, hospitals, art galleries, the building of workers' houses or the distribution of food and culture. Which is why Wall Street was happy.

A four-billion dollar budget for WPA improvement and relief once sent it into a frenzy of counter-revolution. Wall Street wasn't anti-cultural and anti-peace. No, it was sore because there was little room in the WPA projects for the private profiteer. But capitalist war offers a paradise of profit, unlimited and uncontrollable. That war may destroy the whole capitalist system does not concern each individual moth dancing ecstatically around the profit flame. As a character in a Gorky novel put it, "If we could be sure of a ten per cent profit, we business men would even organize an earthquake." War is an organized earthquake that for a time pays much more than ten per cent, even though it shakes the pillars of the capitalist structure.

But all this is old and familiar news. At the moment I need not enlarge on the point, though it needs to be rubbed in forever and ever, until it has penetrated the war-sodden mind of the last starving.

It was the recent death of Henri Bergson in the midst of the triumph of war and fascism that brought this outstanding capitalist insanity to mind, however.

Bergson was one of the last of the great capitalist philosophers. Twenty years ago his ideas still dominated most of the college faculties. His whole life-work was a polemic against reason, against dialectic materialism, and against conscious planning in human affairs.

Bergson gave to "intuition" the chief place in his philosophy, as if all thought were a spontaneous and divine accident, growing out of no social past, and projecting into no recognizable future. Such philosophies are merely an educated man's backdoor for sneaking back into the mystifications of primitive religion. They are also the educated man's alibi for the chaos and disorganized "intuitions" of the capitalist system.

The greatest contradiction at the core of modern capitalism is that it must use science to the hilt in every department of production. It is only by the most precise and most incessant use of science that automobiles, airplanes, synthetic chemicals, and other goods of large-scale capitalism can be manufactured. Modern war is an extreme illustration of this fact; it is all science; to kill a man nowadays you need a college education.

Yes, while needing science, the capitalists dare not let it pass beyond a certain point. The dangerous power of science must be shackled before it can turn from the organization of a Chemical Trust, which is compatible with a private profit system, to the organization of a national world, which would mean Communism, and hence the end of private profit.

Thus, even the Nazis use science for war-making, while their philosophers attack and try to destroy the general foundations of science. The Nazis follow that modern anti-scientific cult of Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, Carlyle, Bergson and Spengler, which began in the early nineteenth century as a feudalistic reaction against bourgeois democracy. In his happier moments, when he could still peacefully murder trade unionists and make trains run on time before admiring audiences of American tourists, Mussolini was fond of quoting the "intuitionists" Bergson and Georges Sorel.

Now Henri Bergson, a Jew, and an honest intellectual opposed to fascism, has seen his ideas shape a government in France. I wonder whether in his last tragic hours the old philosopher was not disillusioned with the specious mysticism of his collegiate Utopia, and was converted into a fighter for science and democracy in human affairs.

And I wonder when the American people will begin to understand, similarly, that a 17 billion dollar budget for war is also insanity, and can only mean crushing taxes, guns instead of butter, a disorganized economy, the death of culture, the prelude to a fascist regime.

## Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 Over WNYC at Noon

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Voice of China, Chungking, China, 8:30  
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## On The Score Board

### Answering a Couple Of Questions

By Lester Rodney

Answering a few of the questions from out of the recent mailbags.

**QUESTION:** "Why, if the big leagues discriminate against Negroes, do you continue to give them such publicity as in your current series of articles sating up the chances of the various teams?"

**ANSWER:** We cover the big league teams and at the same time lead the fight to end the discrimination of the magnates against Negro players. Baseball is a great mass sport, loved and followed by millions, and except for a tiny minority, the players themselves are working class Americans who would welcome the Negro players in. No sports are perfect under capitalism, where the profit motive is incompatible with real sportsmanship. But is the way to fight for a better sports world to withdraw ourselves from it until it is perfect? Of course not.

Just consider for a moment the fact that if there had never been a Daily Worker sports page, covering sports and commanding the attention of the sports world, there would never have been the present nationwide knowledge of the fact that many qualified Negro athletes are kept out of the game by the magnates; nor the knowledge that the players and managers themselves have played against the Negro stars in exhibitions and would welcome them in. And there would certainly not be the tremendous mass campaign to end Jim Crow in sports that now exists. All that would hardly have been possible by boycotting baseball from the start and washing our hands of it.

We love baseball and that's why we aim to see the day when it is truly our National Pastime.

**QUESTION:** "In the four years since the Daily Worker sports page has been in existence, who in your opinion, are the greatest athletes you've seen in baseball, boxing, football, basketball, track and tennis?"

**ANSWER:** The two greatest baseball figures of the recent period mentioned are easily Joe DiMaggio and Bob Feller. They are a pair of naturals, the kind you've immediately got to make room for in any All-Time great list. Satchell Paige might have been up there if he'd had the chance.

Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong are just outstanding in boxing and here too you've got to make room for them on your all-time great list. I'd say Cliff Battles and Ace Parker in football, restricting myself to backs, and would of course get a lot of arguments. Much less argument on Mel Hein as the greatest lineman.

Hank Luisetti of the Stanford team that swept through the nation three years ago is still my idea of the best I've seen on the basketball court. If I had to pick a second one offhand I'd take Irv Torgoff of L. I. U. as an all around ball player. And, of course, plenty of arguments there, too.

No argument on Master Don Budge and Madame Alice Marble in tennis. The only argument is whether Bill Tilden and Helen Wills in their prime could have beaten them, and all I can say is that is they would have been a hell of a pair of matches.

Jesse Owens and Glenn Cunningham in track. The Negro star who swept the Olympics almost singlehanded in 1936 (he's scraping for a living now), and the greatest miler of all times (the great Nurni at his best would have eaten the Kansas school teacher's dust) also rate up with the all-time greats.

Who ever heard of the Glorious Twenties? DiMaggio, Feller, Louis, Armstrong, Budge, Marble, Owens, Cunningham—I'd stack them up against anyone's nostalgic selections. (Babe Ruth excepted, but nobody else.)

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# 9 Different NYU Student Groups Flood Campus With 7,000 Leaflets—All Against Jim Crow

By Jack Jules

A deluge of 7,000 leaflets from nine separate, and distinct organizations, in an unprecedented demonstration of student solidarity, hit the campus of the downtown schools of New York University with a tremendous protest against the Jim Crow policy which barred Jim Crow, Negro basketball star, from the NYU quintet.

For a time Washington Square Park resembled a busy bazaar as students milled about the distributors and raced from one to the other to digest what each had to say.

In tone and style the handbills were completely divergent as they represented groups as wide apart as the Young Communist League and the Young Republican Club, a science club, a chorus, a sorority. But all were unanimous in urging the student body to demonstrate for the right of Negro athletes, and to attend a mass meeting sponsored by the Council for Student Equality, a group which came into being as a result of the Jim Crowing of Leonard Bates, Negro star, during the football season.

In addition to the leaflets a delegation of mothers who had a one and one-half hour meeting with athletic director Professor Phillip Badger and Dean Payne on the situation, issued a statement on the case charging the university officials with discrimination and prejudice.

Members and officers of the following nine organizations issued the leaflets: the American Student Union, the Washington Square Chorus, the Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority, the WSC Peace Committee, the Sociology Club, the Student Council, the Council for Student Equality, the Young Republican Club and the Young Communist League.

While many of the leaflets limited the Crow case only to the Jim Crow policy of the college, others pointed out its connection with the whole reactionary war drive of the Roosevelt administration, which utilizes Jim Crow.

The WSC Peace Committee circular emphasized the connection, pointing out: "Reports come from Washington that we must institute emergency measures in the interests of democracy. But when we examine some of these emergency measures we see:

- (1) A Jim Crow policy introduced in the army.
- (2) Thirteen men in the navy given 'undesirable discharge' for protesting against navy segregation of Negroes.
- (3) In California the NYA bans from defense projects

all 'Jewish, Negro, Portuguese and Mexican' youth."

In similar vein the Karl Marx Society branch of the YCL declared in its leaflet: "The attempt to turn Gentile against Jew, Protestant against Catholic, native against foreign born and white against Negro, are part of a plan to induce America to give up its civil liberties and become demoralized and fall prey to those who wish to profit from our suffering."

The Washington Square College Chapter of the ASU tied up the Crow case with the actions of Southern Poll-Tax Congressmen who "have voted almost unanimously for NYA cuts, conscription, emasculating amendments to the Wage-Hour and Wagner Act and supported every step of the administration's 'short of war' program." Using Crow as an example the leaflet asserted: "Discrimination is not simply the concern of racial, religious and political minorities. It is a direct and dangerous menace to every American."

Most other leaflets limited themselves to attacking the college policy itself, pointing out how closely this ban has followed upon similar action by school authorities during the football season when the Negro star Leonard Bates was prevented from traveling to play Missouri, despite the fact that the Missouri coach said nothing would happen if he did play.

The leaflets of the members of the Washington Square Chorus and the League for Student Equality compared the action of NYU with the expression of opinion in North Carolina and Georgetown, the two Southern schools that the Heights quintet will engage during its travels.

Headlining its handbill "South Comes Through—NYU—Stop Hiding!" the Council for Student Equality quoted North Carolina Coach Lang, who said, "I have no objections. . . . We would play according to the policies and the traditions of the school with which we are playing." The circular also pointed out that Georgetown of Washington, D. C., protested discrimination in the Bates case and later played against him.

Members of the Student Council issued their own statement interpreting the ban as a threat to student rights, linking it with four other administrative actions which impinge student liberties. During the past week they said the college witnessed: "(1) The thwarting of the right to petition by the denial of a table in the cafeteria to one recognized organization while granting that right to another—THE FIRST TIME SUCH AN ARBITRARY REFUSAL WAS EVER MADE. (Their emphasis).

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Joe, in Interview, Won't Predict Flag, Says Name Rookies Will Have to Prove Selves in Field

The Yankees are stronger but so are the Indians, Joe McCarthy, manager of the former world champions, admitted yesterday in an interview on the forthcoming American League pennant race. McCarthy came here to attend a dinner

given by the baseball writers for the Stevens brothers, concessionaires at the local ball parks. "I'm not predicting any pennant for the Yanks," said McCarthy, "but I think we'll have a stronger club than last year. I also think the Indians will be stronger. The added experience of Bourdreau and Mack and the addition of Gerald Walker and Jim Barbey should help the Cleveland Club. And mind you I am not overlooking the Tigers. They still have plenty of power."

In discussing his club, McCarthy said that he planned to start the spring training season with the regular Yankee infield of Dahlgren, Gordon, Crosetti and Rolfe.

"I am going to take it easy and not make any sudden changes in the infield," said McCarthy. "The youngsters like Fridy, Rizzuto, and Stump have to show me what they can do. If they can win the jobs they'll have to do it on the field."

McCarthy said he expected some of his slumping players like Dickey, Keller and Rolfe to make comebacks.

"Dickey shouldn't be through," added McCarthy. "He hit hard enough toward the end of the season to indicate that he may come back. I expect Keller to rebound from his bad year and Rolfe's whole trouble may have been his health."

Talking about the Yankee pitching, McCarthy said that was the only spot on the ball club of which he wasn't sure.

"A lot depends on the youngsters," he said. "I haven't quit on Gomez, who showed enough at times to indicate he can still win. The same goes for Ruffing."

**LIU to Have Baseball Team Again in '41**  
Clair Bee, Director of Athletics at Long Island University, announced yesterday that the Blackbirds will enter into intercollegiate competition again in baseball. The sport was dropped two seasons ago because of the lack of a practice field.

The Brooklyn college had always been a baseball power in the Metropolitan area and it was with regret on Bee's part that the sport was canceled from the intercollegiate curriculum. Bee has turned out some fine teams in the past and it is expected that he will have a winning team this year. He has developed some excellent talent, the finest example being Marius Russo who is the New York Yankees' hope to pick up the southpaw pitching this coming season.

**Fite Results**  
COLISEUM.—Mike Kaplan, 146, Boston, Mass., outpointed Tony Ferrara, 146½, New York (8); Abe Denner, 125½, Boston, technically knocked out John Williams, 134½, New York (1).

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.—Pep DeRuzza, 145, New York, outpointed Vic Dellacurti, 148, New York (8); Sam Mamone, 127½, Stamford, Conn., knocked out Connie Savio, 127, New York (2).

BROADWAY ARENA.—Len Mancini, 134½, New York, outpointed Charley Varre, 134½, New York (8); Charley Nichols, 124½, New York, outpointed Pablo Dana, 124½, Philippine Islands (8).

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